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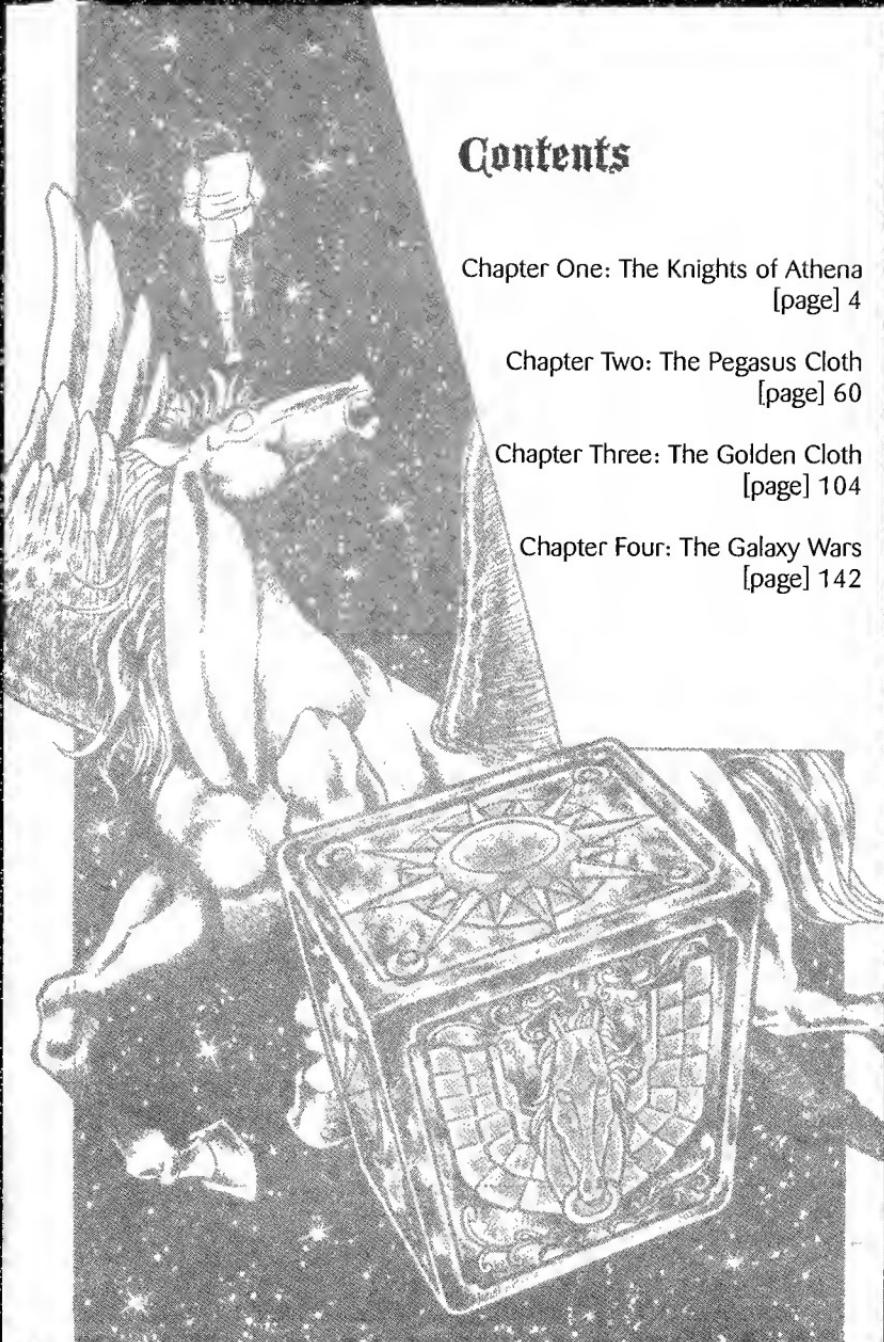
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**THE KNIGHTS OF ATHENA**

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# SAINT SEIYA KNIGHTS OF THE ZODIAC

IN THE MYTHOLOGY OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS  
THE HERO PERSEUS BEHEADED THE GORGON,  
MEDUSA.

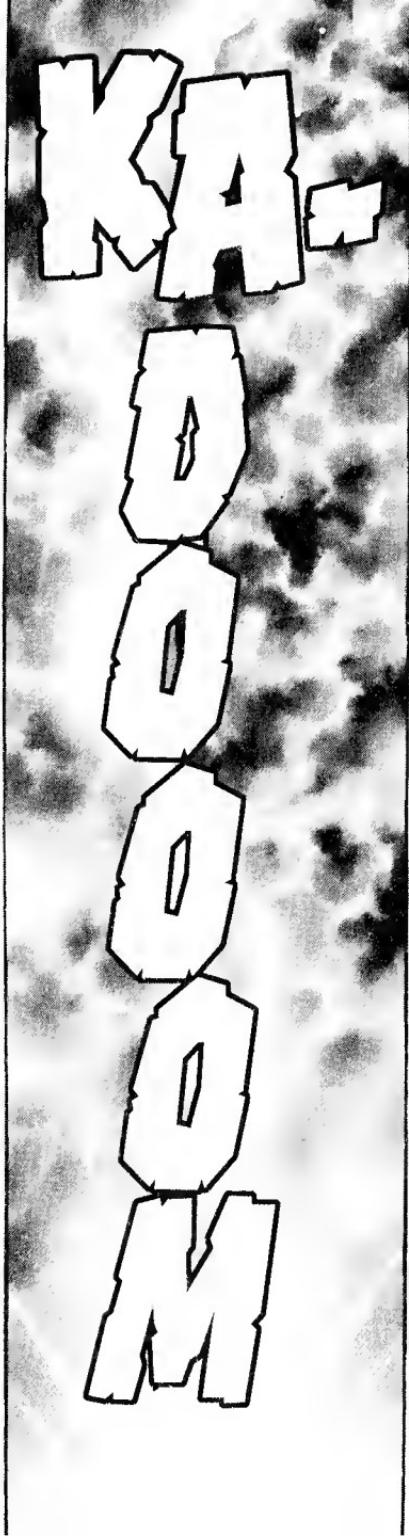
FROM A POOL OF HER BLOOD,  
THE DIVINE HORSE--  
PEGASUS OF THE BEAUTIFUL WINGS--  
WAS BORN.

AND PEGASUS SOARED UP TO THE HEAVENS  
AND BECAME A CONSTELLATION...



## CHAPTER 1: The Knights of Athena

















SO,  
YOU  
WERE  
HURLED  
AWAY  
FURTHER  
THAN I  
EXPECTED.

YOU  
SHOULD  
BE  
ASHAMED,  
SEIYA.

ARGH!  
MARIN!

N-NO--  
YOUR  
INSTRUCTION  
IS KILLING  
ME!!

LET'S  
RETURN TO  
SANCTUARY.  
ONLY 99  
MORE  
REPETITIONS  
TO GO.

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S

I'M  
NOT  
GONNA  
LOSE  
TO  
THAT  
GUY!!

NO, BUT  
TOMORROW  
CASSIOS  
WILL KILL YOU.

twip

I  
SUPPOSE  
IT'S  
POINTLESS  
TO  
ARGUE!!

UGH



SEIYA, YOU'VE  
WITNESSED  
CASSIOS'S  
FEROCITY.

HE HAS ALREADY  
DECAPITATED NINE  
OPPONENTS, EACH  
WITH A SINGLE  
STROKE...

BUT TOMORROW,  
HE WON'T TRY TO  
END THE BATTLE  
WITH A SINGLE  
BLOW...

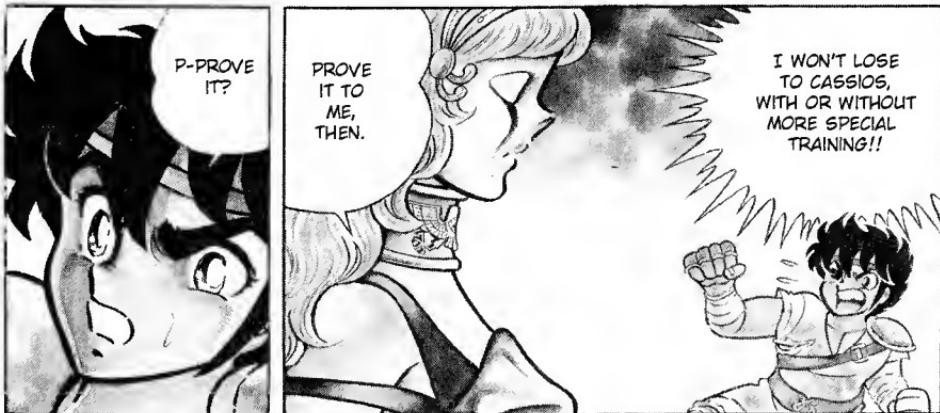
HE REVELS  
IN THE  
DESTRUCTIVE  
POWER HE'S  
GAINED AT  
SANCTUARY!

HE'LL  
TAKE  
YOUR  
EARS,  
THEN  
YOUR  
NOSE...

HE'LL  
PROBABLY  
ENJOY  
TAKING HIS  
TIME  
TO KILL  
YOU.

BECAUSE  
HE BELIEVES  
YOU'RE NO  
MATCH FOR  
HIM.

WH-WHY  
NOT?



WHAT YOU DO  
WITH YOUR  
LIFE IS YOUR  
BUSINESS, BUT  
YOU'VE NO  
RIGHT TO THROW  
AWAY THE YEARS  
OF MY LIFE I'VE  
SPENT TRAINING  
YOU!

IF YOU  
CAN MAKE  
ME BELIEVE  
YOU, PERHAPS  
I CAN SLEEP  
TONIGHT.

PROVE TO  
ME THAT  
YOU CAN  
DEFEAT  
CASSIOS--  
WHO YOU'VE  
NEVER BEEN  
ABLE TO DEFEAT  
BEFORE NOW.

WATCH  
CLOSELY,  
MARIN!

I'LL  
SHOW YOU  
WHAT I'VE  
GOT...

ALL  
RIGHT!!

I'LL  
CARVE  
THE PROOF  
FROM THIS  
BARE  
GROUND!!

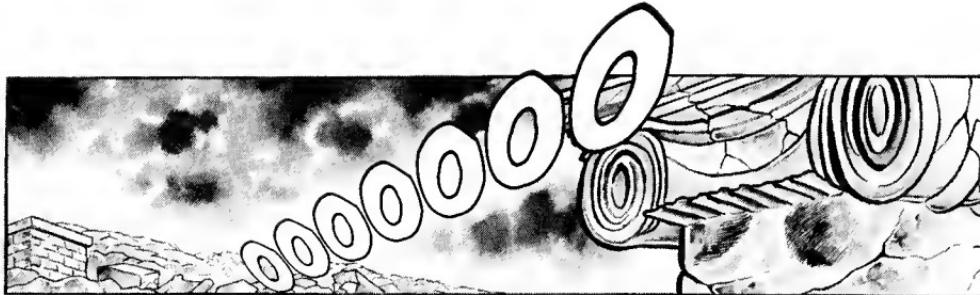
**WITNESS  
MY  
POWER!!**





S-SEIYA...  
WHEN DID YOU...?







YOUR HONOR!  
THEY SCARED  
THE DEVIL OUT OF  
US! WE THOUGHT  
WE WERE GOING  
TO DIE LAST  
NIGHT, FATHER!

CONSIDER  
YOURSELVES  
LUCKY TOURISTS,  
INDEED. EVEN WE  
GREEKS RARELY  
HAVE THE HONOR  
OF MEETING THEM.

KNIGHTS  
OF  
ATHENA!?

IN GREEK  
MYTHOLOGY,  
ATHENA WAS  
A GREAT  
GODDESS...

WHAT ARE THESE  
KNIGHTS ANYWAY?

ATHENA  
WAS A  
GODDESS  
OF  
BATTLE!!

SHE WAS  
THE DAUGHTER  
OF ZEUS, THE  
KING OF GODS.  
SHE WAS BORN  
IN FULL ARMOR...



HER WARS WITH  
THE BRUTAL AND  
BLOODTHIRSTY  
ARES, THE GIANT  
GIGAS, AND GREAT  
POSEIDON SHOOK  
THE VERY EARTH...

BUT ATHENA DID  
NOT BELIEVE IN  
CONQUEST, SO SHE  
ONLY FOUGHT  
DEFENSIVE WARS!!

TO MORTALS,  
THESE TERRIBLE  
DEATH STRUGGLES  
BETWEEN THE GODS  
SEEMED TO LAST  
FOREVER...

---

THEY WERE STRONG,  
COURAGEOUS YOUTHS  
WHO GATHERED FROM  
THE FAR REACHES  
OF THE LAND!

BUT ON THOSE BATTLEFIELDS,  
THERE WERE ALWAYS  
YOUTHS WHO SURROUNDED  
AND PROTECTED ATHENA...



AND TO PROTECT ATHENA, WHO  
DESPISED WEAPONS, THEY  
FOUGHT THEIR FOES  
WITH ONLY THEIR  
BODIES FOR WEAPONS!





THE NAMES OF  
THESE VALIANT  
KNIGHTS ARE LOST  
EVEN TO THE  
RICH MYTHOLOGY  
OF THIS LAND.

EVEN NOW  
SOME BELIEVE  
THESE WARRIOR  
S OF HOPE APPEAR  
WHENEVER EVIL  
THREATENS THE  
WORLD...

KRAK-KOOM







THERE IS A RUMOR AFOOT THAT SEIYA LEFT SANCTUARY LAST NIGHT...



IS THIS TRUE?

LEFT SANCTUARY!?



YOU KNOW THE PUNISHMENT FOR LEAVING SANCTUARY.

MARIN, AS SEIYA'S INSTRUCTOR YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH HIM. IS THIS TRUE?



MASTER, THIS CHARGE IS NONSENSE!

THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE. IT'S TRUE THAT LAST NIGHT OUR SPECIAL TRAINING TOOK US OUTSIDE OF SANCTUARY, BUT...



I'M NOT  
SO SURE  
ABOUT  
THAT.

KLANK

GRRR!

DON'T PLAY  
INNOCENT!  
YOU TRIED TO FLEE  
BECAUSE YOU WERE  
AFRAID TO FIGHT MY  
CASSIOS, WHOSE  
STRENGTH IS FAR  
GREATER THAN  
YOUR OWN!

AIORIA  
...

BESIDES,  
A JAPANESE  
HAS NO RIGHT  
TO BE A KNIGHT  
OF ATHENA!

IF SEIYA FLED  
FROM COWARDICE,  
HE WILL LOSE,  
FOR VICTORY WILL  
NOT FAVOR A  
COWARD.

AIORIA  
IS RIGHT.  
THIS WILL  
ALL BE  
SETTLED  
IN BATTLE.

THAT  
RIGHT CAN  
ONLY BE  
DECIDED IN  
BATTLE.

I KNOW OF NO  
RULE WHICH  
FORBIDS A  
JAPANESE FROM  
BECOMING A  
KNIGHT.

IT'S  
A  
CLOTH!!

AHHH,  
A  
CLOTH...

THAT ONE  
HAS BEEN  
PASSED DOWN  
FROM THE  
AGE OF  
HEROES.

IT ENABLES ITS  
WEARER TO RELEASE  
THE GREATEST  
POWER OF ANY ON  
EARTH...

TRULY THE  
PROOF OF  
KNIGHTHOOD...

IT WAS TO OBTAIN  
A CLOTH THAT I CAME  
TO GREECE WHEN  
I WAS LITTLE!!

LET THE  
CONTEST  
BEGIN!!

F  
-W  
A  
S  
H

TO THE  
VICTOR I  
SHALL  
AWARD  
THIS  
CLOTH!!

SO THAT'S  
A CLOTH...

PERHAPS THAT CLOTH IS WORTH MORE TO YOU THAN YOUR LIFE?

LITTLE SEIYA, YOU SHOULD HAVE RUN AWAY LAST NIGHT WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE.

BUT I WON'T LET YOU HAVE IT! THE CLOTH BELONGS TO ME, A GREEK! HA HA HA HA!

BUT ENOUGH TALK! I'LL SQUEEZE YOU LIKE A LEMON.

AAAGH!

UGH!

DO YOU  
LIKE THAT  
IDEA, SEYAH?  
HA HA HA

YES, I'LL  
DISMEMBER  
YOU LITTLE  
BY LITTLE.

BUT WAIT!  
WHAT'S THE  
HURRY? WHY  
WASTE MY  
LAST CHANCE  
TO PLAY  
WITH YOU?

SKREK

UGH!

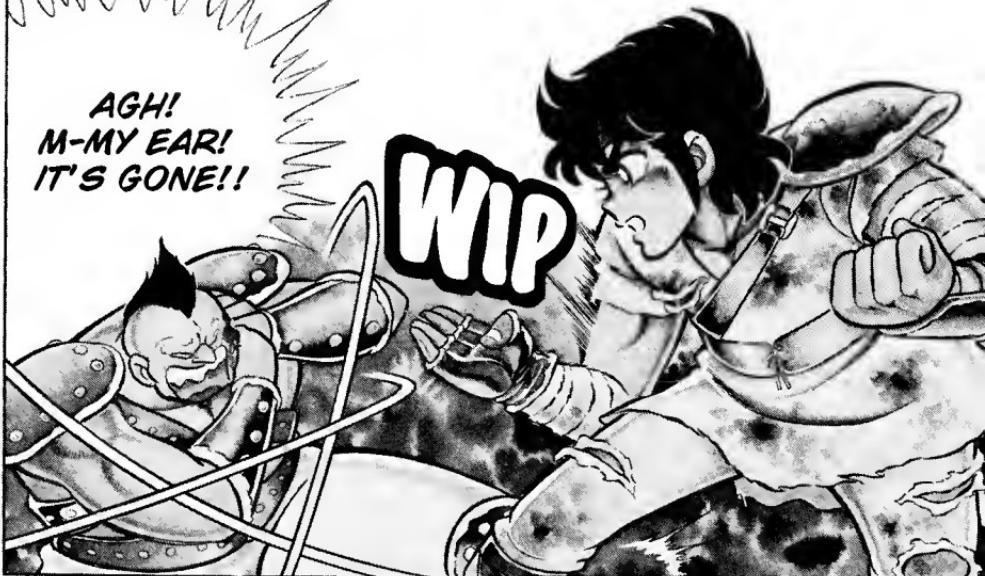
FIRST,  
YOUR  
EAR!!

WHAT!?

YECK!!

AGH!  
M-MY EAR!  
IT'S GONE!!

WIP



ROOWWRR!  
Y-YOU'LL  
PAY FOR  
THAT!

I LIKE YOUR  
DISMEMBER-  
MENT IDEA,  
CASSIOS!  
WHAT SHALL  
I RIP OFF  
NEXT?

MARIN,  
HAVE YOU  
ACTUALLY  
SUCCEEDED IN  
DEVELOPING  
SEIYA THAT  
FAR?

TODAY I SENSE  
AROUND SEIYA AN  
ENERGY I'VE  
NEVER  
SENSED  
BEFORE.





THE  
CLOTH  
WILL BE  
MINE!

AND I'LL  
TAKE IT  
HOME TO  
JAPAN!!

STOP CRINGING,  
CASSIOS!  
I'VE GOT A  
FEW SCORES  
TO SETTLE  
WITH YOU...

AND I'M  
GOING TO  
SETTLE THEM  
ALL HERE  
BEFORE  
I GO!!!



H-HOW?  
HE TOOK  
MY EAR...  
LITTLE  
SEIYA  
TOOK...

PLIP

PLIP

PLIP

I'LL SPEAK INTO YOUR  
GOOD EAR, THIS TIME.  
WHAT PIECE OF  
YOU SHALL I  
TAKE NEXT,  
CASSIOS?

WH-  
WHAT?

I'LL LET  
YOU  
CHOOSE IT  
YOURSELF!!

YOU...

THAT WAY  
EVEN AN  
IMBECILE  
LIKE YOU CAN  
GRASP THE  
TOTALITY  
OF YOUR  
DEFEAT.

**SOUS**

HOW  
'BOUT  
YOUR  
CHIN!?

C-CASSIOS  
GOT HIT  
AGAIN!

UGH!

**BOOM!**

YOU'VE  
LOST TO  
ME FOR  
SIX  
YEARS!!

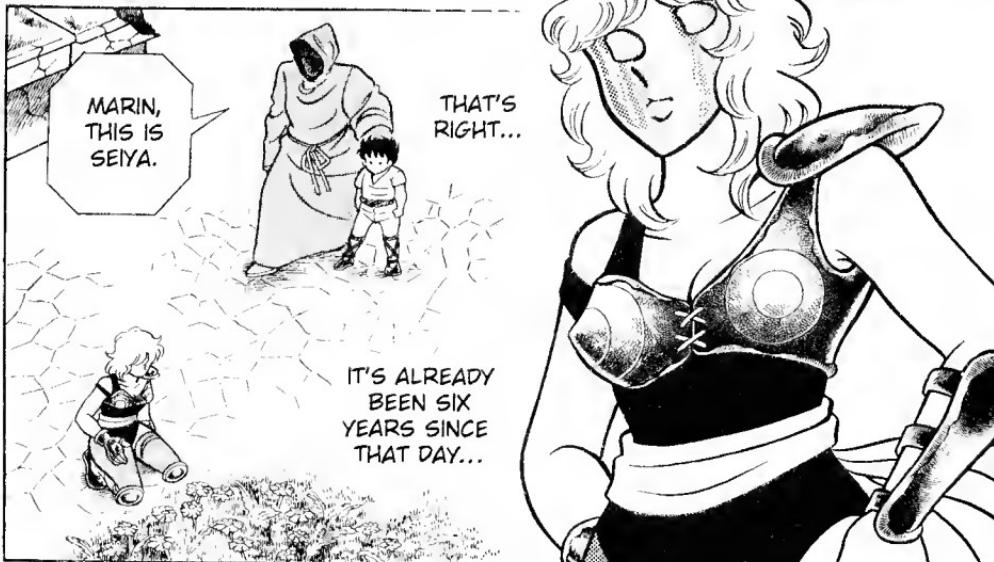
TH-THIS  
CAN'T BE  
HAPPENING!  
YOU NEVER  
DEFEATED  
ME EVEN  
ONCE  
BEFORE...



**T**



**YACK!**



WHY DID YOU  
COME ALL THE  
WAY TO GREECE  
WHEN YOU'RE  
STILL A SMALL  
CHILD?

FOR  
THE  
CLOTH.

I HAVE  
TO BRING  
THE CLOTH  
BACK TO  
JAPAN.

THE  
CLOTH?

HOW  
DO YOU  
GET WAY  
OVER  
THERE?

HEY!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
PLANNING TO  
DO WITH IT  
WHEN YOU  
GET IT BACK  
TO JAPAN?

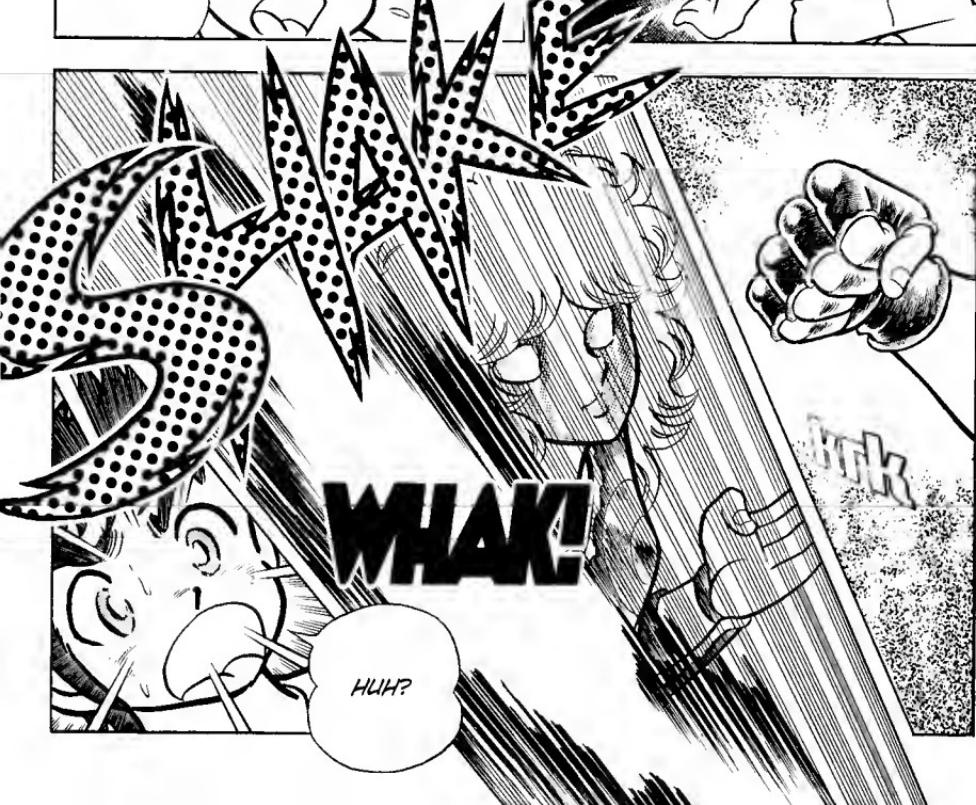
I CAN'T  
TELL YOU  
THAT!

I WANT  
YOU TO  
TRY TO  
SPLIT THIS  
BOULDER.



TRY  
TO  
BREAK  
THIS.

BREAK  
WHAT?





GASP!

WHAT



OH, STOP CRYING.  
YOU'VE BEEN HERE  
A YEAR. BY NOW  
YOU KNOW THAT  
NO ONE WILL LET  
YOU UP UNTIL  
YOU DO 1000  
CRUNCHES.

ONLY  
362  
TO GO!

Waaaaaa!  
I-I'M  
GONNA  
FALL!  
I'LL DIE!

WAAH,  
HAVE  
MERCY!

THEN  
DIE.



THIS  
ONE IS  
SURPRISINGLY  
PERSISTENT.

HE'S  
STILL  
ALIVE.

SPLASH



SOME DAY  
PEGASUS  
MAY COME  
TO YOUR  
AID...

SEIYA, YOUR  
CONSTELLATION  
IS PEGASUS  
THERE.



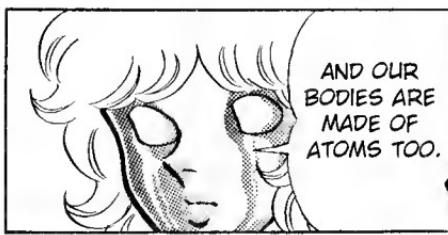
NOW,  
BREAK  
THAT  
ROCK!



IT'S BEEN  
3 YEARS, AND  
YOU STILL CAN'T  
EVEN BREAK A  
TINY ROCK  
LIKE THAT?



LISTEN,  
SEIYA,  
ROCKS ARE  
MADE OF  
ATOMS.



AND OUR  
BODIES ARE  
MADE OF  
ATOMS TOO.



AND  
FLOWERS,  
AND TREES,  
AND  
INSECTS--  
EVERYTHING...





EVEN  
THOSE STARS  
TWINKLING  
IN THE SKY...



AND  
DESTROYING  
A THING IS  
JUST A MATTER  
OF SEPARATING  
ITS ATOMS.

EVERYTHING  
IN THE  
UNIVERSE  
IS MADE  
OF ATOMS.



TO THE  
PART OF  
YOU THAT  
WILL  
STRIKE!!

FOCUS  
YOUR  
BODY AND  
SPIRIT!!

SEIYA,  
FOCUS  
YOUR  
POWER!!

TO  
YOUR  
HAND!!

**F  
S  
S  
S  
S  
S  
S  
S  
S**

**KABOOM!**

SO,  
CASSIOS,  
NOW DO YOU  
SEE WHY  
YOU LOST?



BECAUSE  
FOR THE LAST  
SIX YEARS  
WE'VE SHARED  
THE TRIAL OF  
SANCTUARY,  
I'LL SPARE  
YOUR LIFE.



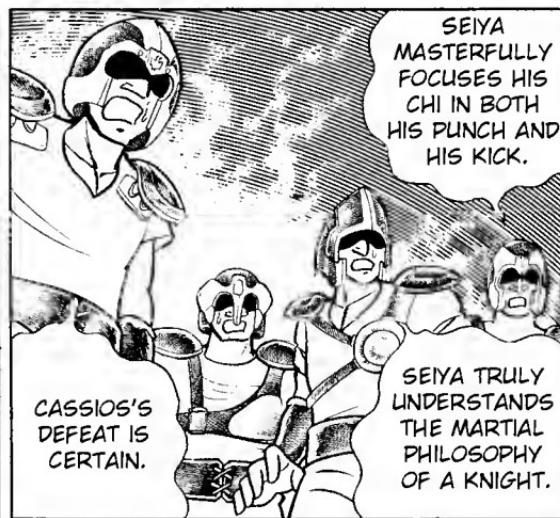
U-UH...  
UH...



FOOLS.  
YOU'RE  
EASILY  
IMPRESSED.



SEIYA  
MASTERFULLY  
FOCUSSES HIS  
CHI IN BOTH  
HIS PUNCH AND  
HIS KICK.

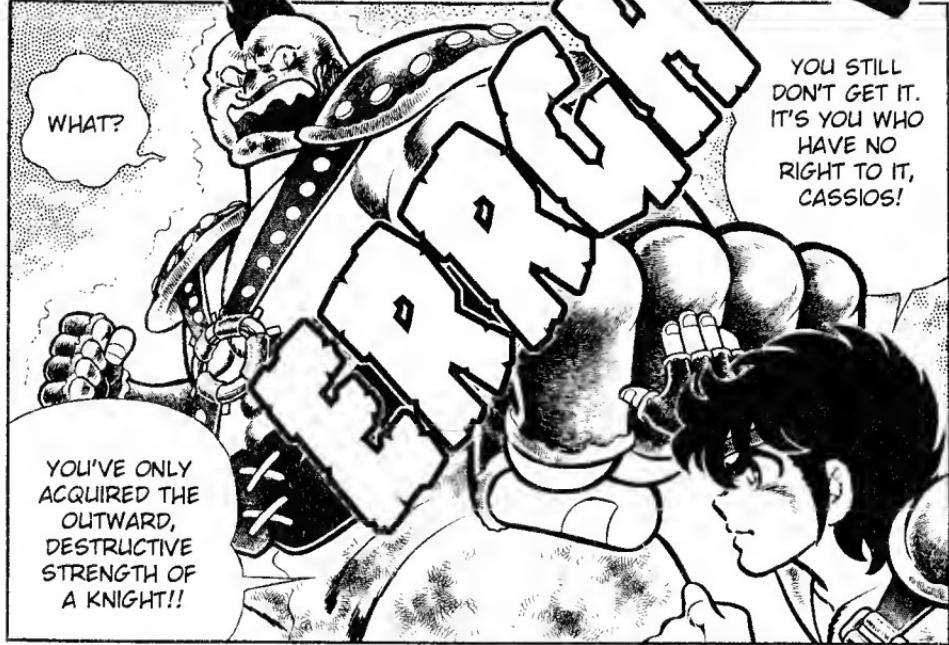


SEIYA,  
THE  
JAPANESE...

YOU  
THINK  
SEIYA  
DESERVES  
TO WIN  
THE CLOTH!?







YOU STILL  
DON'T GET IT.  
IT'S YOU WHO  
HAVE NO  
RIGHT TO IT,  
CASSIOS!



I TAUGHT YOU  
THAT YOU AND  
THOSE STARS  
ARE MADE OF  
THE SAME  
ATOMS.

SEIYA, THE  
KNIGHTS' BATTLE  
MOVES MIMIC  
THE CREATION  
OF THE  
UNIVERSE.

AND EVEN  
THE FAR  
COUNTLESS  
NEBULAS, WERE  
ALL A SINGLE  
MASS!!

IN THE BEGINNING,  
ALL THE ELEMENTS OF  
EARTH, AND THE STARS,  
AND THIS GALAXY.

15 BILLION  
YEARS AGO,  
THE UNIVERSE  
WAS BORN FROM  
THAT MASS IN  
THE BIG BANG!!

AND THEN  
THEY CAN  
SPLIT THE  
EARTH AND  
SMASH THE  
STARS!

YOUR BODY,  
TOO, IS A  
MINI-UNIVERSE  
(BORN FROM  
THE BIG BANG!)

SEIYA,  
MAKE  
YOUR MINI-  
UNIVERSE  
EXPLODE!

AND YOUR  
BLOWS WILL  
BE LIKE A  
SHOWER OF  
METEORS!!

TRUE KNIGHTS  
CAN GENERATE  
SUPERHUMAN POWER  
BY CAUSING THE  
MINI-UNIVERSES WITHIN  
THEIR OWN BODIES  
TO EXPLODE!!

SHOWER  
OF  
METEORS...





# SNAP



SEIYA'S  
HANDS ARE  
TRACING THE  
LOCATIONS OF  
PEGASUS'S  
13 STARS!!

THE  
CONSTELLATION  
PEGASUS!!

WATCH  
OUT!  
DON'T  
GO  
NEAR  
HIM,  
CASSIOS!!

WHAT!?

wip

wip

wip

wip



# PEGASUS METEOR PUNCHES!!

A black and white illustration featuring large, stylized, bubbly text "GIGI" in the foreground. The background shows a dark space scene with a satellite in orbit and several bright, streaking lights or stars.



AS PROOF  
OF YOUR  
KNIGHTHOOD,  
I GIVE  
YOU THE  
CLOTH!!

ATHENA HAS  
ACKNOWLEDGED  
SEIYA AS  
A NEW  
KNIGHT!



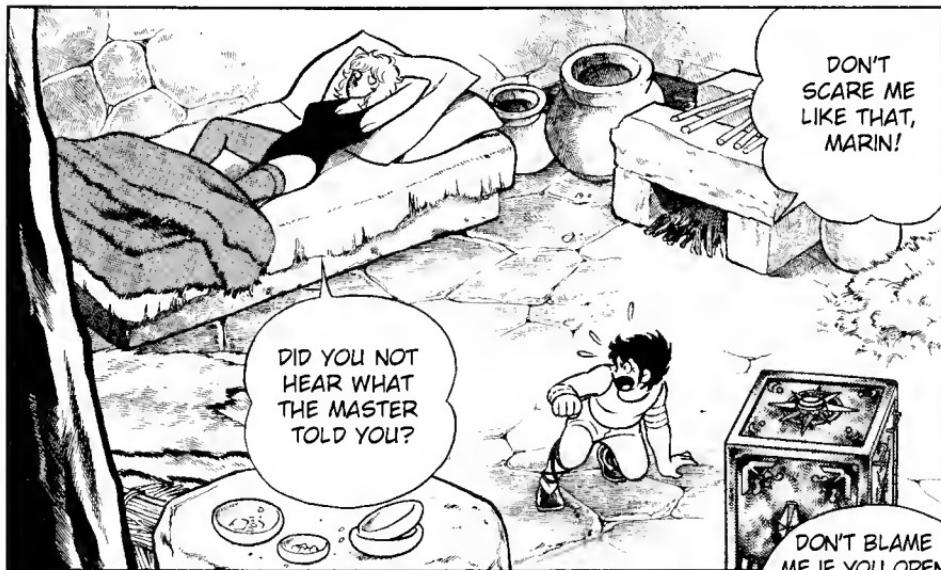
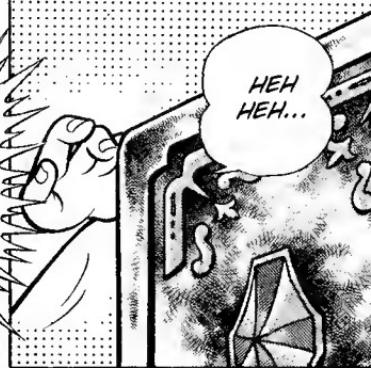
IF YOU  
EVER VIOLATE  
THIS LAW  
AND DEFILE  
YOUR CLOTH...

KNIGHTS FROM ALL  
OVER THE WORLD  
WILL DESCEND  
UPON YOU.  
NEVER FORGET  
THAT, SEIYA...

SINCE THE AGE  
OF HEROES, THE  
KNIGHTS HAVE  
PROTECTED  
ATHENA AND  
DEFENDED  
JUSTICE...

AND SO  
THE CLOTHS  
ARE TO  
BE WORN  
ONLY TO  
DEFEND  
JUSTICE...

THEY MUST  
NEVER BE  
USED FOR  
PERSONAL  
GAIN OR FOR  
PERSONAL  
BATTLES.







W-WAIT,  
MARIN!

HUFF

HUFF



WHY SLINK OFF  
IN THE NIGHT WHEN  
I COULD LEAVE  
FOR JAPAN  
IN THE MORNING!?

WHY DO  
WE HAVE  
TO SNEAK  
AWAY!?

HUFF

HUFF

BUT IT  
SEEMS WE  
WERE TOO  
LATE  
ANYWAY.

YOU'D BE  
A CORPSE  
BY MORNING,  
SEIYA.

WHAT?



YOU TOOK THE  
CLOTH FROM SHINA  
AND HER CRONIES.  
THEY'LL NEVER  
ALLOW YOU TO  
TAKE IT AWAY  
FROM HERE.

WH-WHY  
ALL THE  
HATE,  
SHINA?

I BEAT  
CASSIOS  
FAIRLY--  
I'VE DONE  
NOTHING DO  
TO DESERVE  
YOUR HATE!

MARIN...WILL  
YOU STAND  
ASIDE AND  
LET ME  
TAKE  
SEIYA!?

SEIYA, IF  
YOU WANT  
TO GO HOME,  
YOU'LL HAVE  
TO GET  
BY SHINA.

OR WILL  
YOU FIGHT  
ME TO  
SAVE  
HIM?

HA!  
HE'S  
A BIG  
BOY,  
NOW.

HUH!?



S KREEEE



I FEEL LIKE  
I JUST GOT  
TOASTED BY  
FIFTY  
THOUSAND  
VOLTS.

OOOH...

Wooosh

THUNDER  
COBRA!

F  
W  
U  
P

UHH-  
UH!

SMACK

SORRY,  
BUT IT'S  
MY  
TURN.

ANOTHER  
JOLT LIKE  
THAT AND I'D  
BE GOLDEN  
BROWN AND  
FLAKY.

TRY MY  
PEGASUS  
METEOR  
PUNCHES!!

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THEY MAY HAVE  
WORKED ON THAT  
NOVICE CASSIOS,  
BUT THEY CAN'T  
HURT ME.

HOW CUTE.  
BUT YOUR  
METEOR  
PUNCHES  
LOOK LIKE  
GLITTER BALLS  
TO ME.



I CAN  
SEE EACH  
OF YOUR  
PUNCHES  
CLEARLY!!



NOT ENOUGH  
TO HELP  
YOU AGAINST  
A TRUE  
KNIGHT!

85 PER  
SECOND!



I CAN  
EVEN  
COUNT  
THEM!

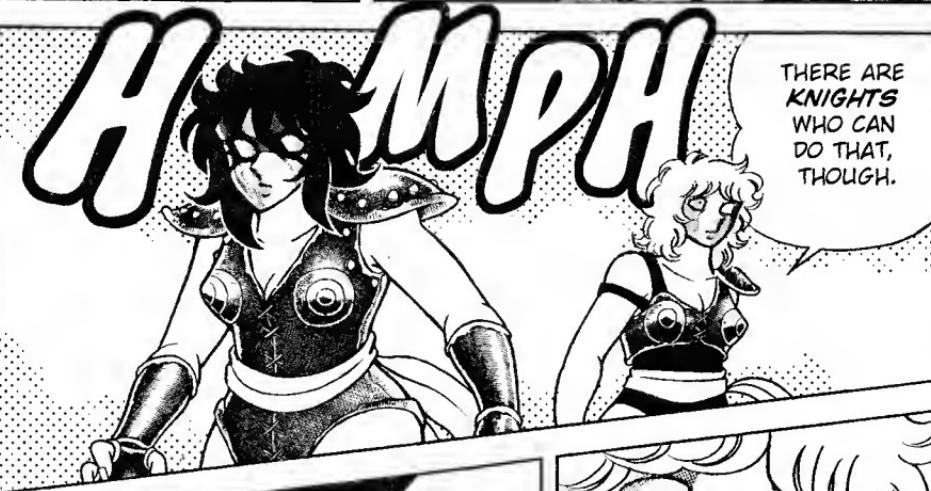




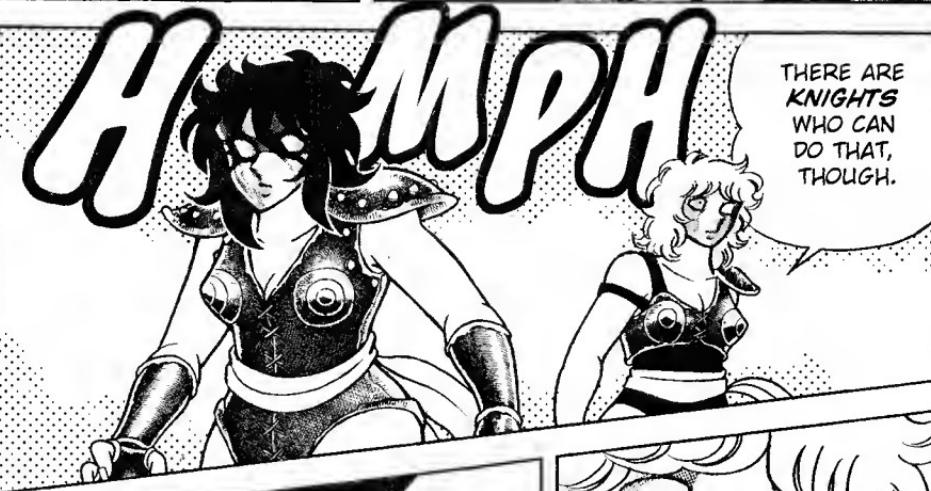
YOUR  
HANDS  
WOULD  
HAVE  
MOVE  
FASTER  
THAN THE  
SPEED OF  
SOUND!  
HA HA!



AND THAT'S  
NEARLY  
IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR A  
MERE  
MORTAL.



HMMPH



THERE ARE  
KNIGHTS  
WHO CAN  
DO THAT,  
THOUGH.



IT MUST  
HAVE FALLEN  
TO THE  
BOTTOM OF  
THIS CLIFF  
WITH SEIYA.

KRUNCH

THE  
CLOTH  
BOX...



*tmp*

OH WELL.  
I'LL JUST  
SMASH HIS  
HEAD WHILE  
I'M DOWN  
THERE.

THE  
CLOTH IS  
MEANT TO  
PROTECT  
YOUR  
BODY.

SEIYA...

HE'S  
STILL  
ALIVE!

IF EVER YOUR LIFE  
IS IN DANGER, YOU  
MUSTN'T HESITATE  
TO OPEN THE BOX  
AND PUT ON THE  
CLOTH.

OR  
HOPE.

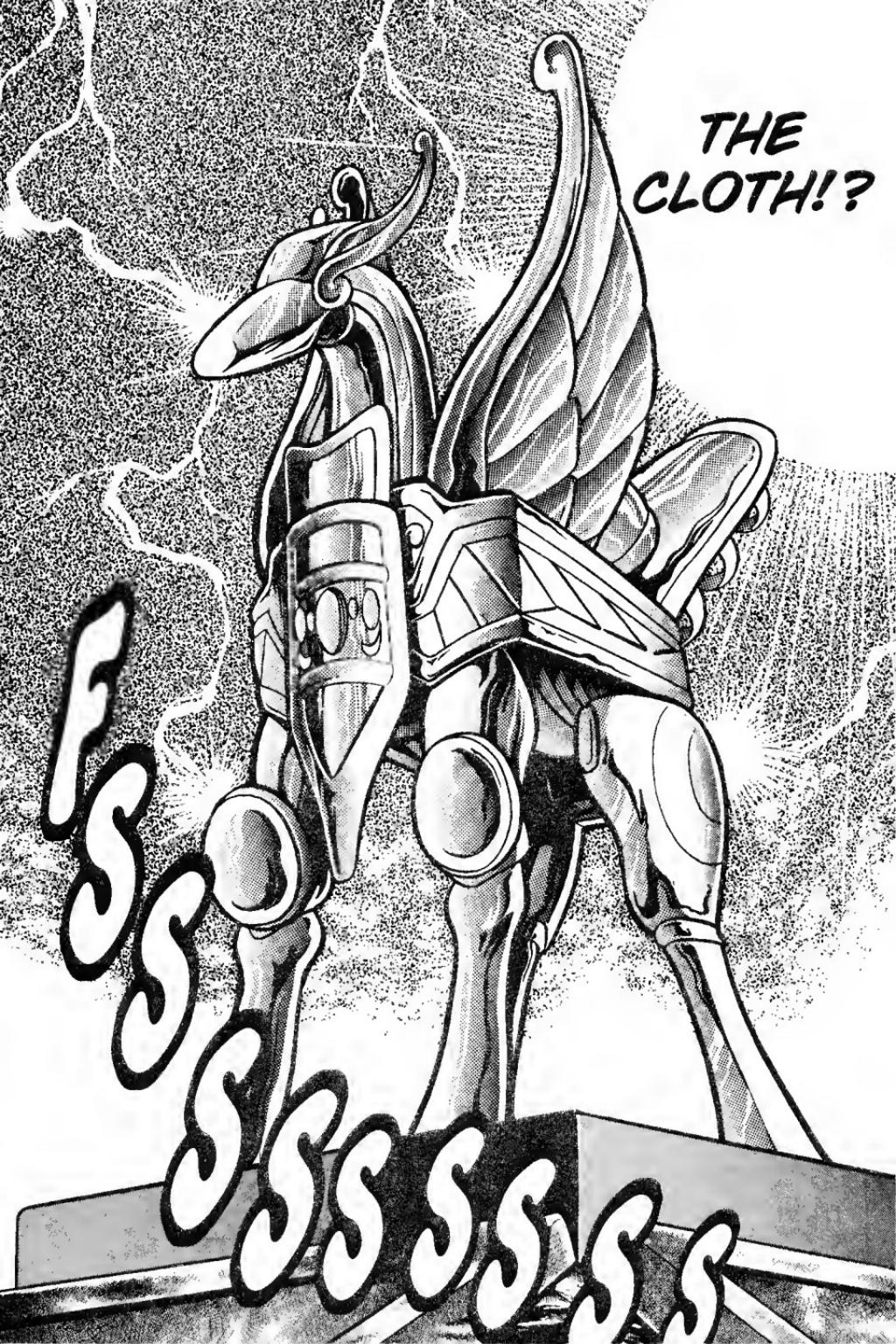
YOU MUST  
FIND OUT IF  
THE BOX  
HOLDS  
MORE EVIL  
SPIRITS...

U-UINH...





THE  
CLOTH!?



I SENSE  
A TERRIBLE  
COSMO  
FLOODING  
THIS  
WHOLE  
AREA...

WHAT'S  
THIS!?

AND THE  
CLOTH  
BOX HAS  
DISAPPEAR-  
ED TOO.

I WAS  
SURE HE LAY  
GROANING  
RIGHT  
AROUND  
HERE...

fwoos

HUH!?

s  
n  
a  
ck







THE  
PEGASUS  
CLOTH!!



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YOU  
KNOW HOW  
FEARSOME  
A KNIGHT  
IN HIS  
CLOTH IS.



SHINA,  
PERHAPS  
YOU  
SHOULD  
RETREAT.



I'M  
NOT  
SO  
SURE  
ABOUT  
THAT.

RIGHT NOW, NO  
UNARMORED  
KNIGHT IS A  
MATCH FOR  
SEIYA.



SHALL  
WE!!

LET'S SEE  
IF HE'S  
TRULY  
MERGED  
WITH HIS  
CLOTH OR  
NOT...



WHAT?





THUD





THAT  
FIRST  
MOMENT!!

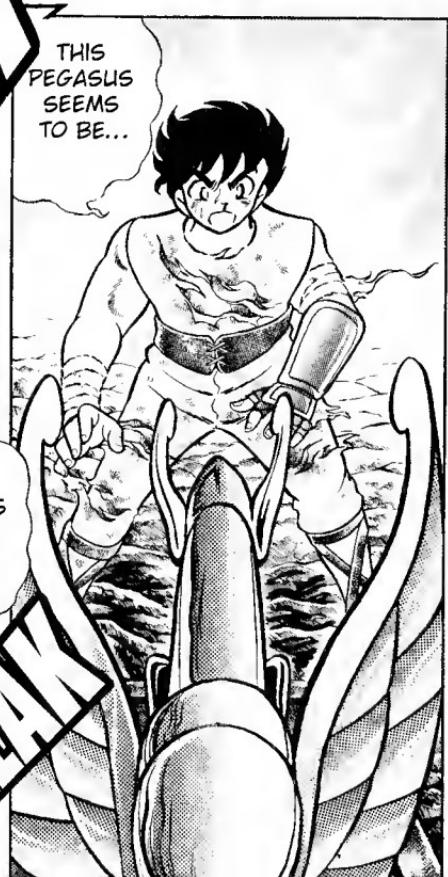
S-SO  
THIS  
IS THE  
CLOTH!?

WHAT GOOD IS  
THIS PHONY  
PLAY ARMOR  
IN A  
BATTLE!

SHEESH.  
WHAT KIND  
OF PROOF OF  
KNIGHTHOOD  
IS THIS!?

IT'S  
SHAPED  
LIKE A  
HORSE,  
NOT A  
MAN.

N-NO WAY.  
HOW AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO FIGHT  
IN THIS?



THIS IS  
HOW IT'S  
SUPPOSED  
TO LOOK!!



AND  
NOW I'M  
INVINCIBLE?

NOW  
THAT I'M  
WEARING  
THIS  
MYTHICAL  
CLOTH...

MY  
PUNCHES  
CAN  
REND  
THE  
SKIES...

AND MY  
KICKS  
CAN  
SPLIT  
THE  
EARTH...

KRAK



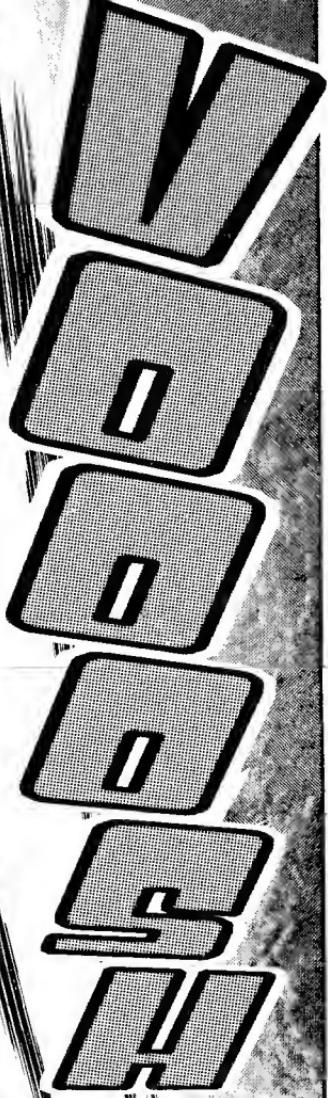
SSSSS

BEST, I  
ALWAYS HEARD  
THE SKY SPLITTING  
ALONG THE PATH  
OF MY FIST  
AND ARM...

THAT  
SOUND?

B-BUT JUST  
NOW I HEARD  
IT FAR AHEAD  
OF MY FIST...

DOES  
THIS  
MEAN...





WHY!?

WHY IS  
THIS  
CLOTH  
USELESS  
NOW!?

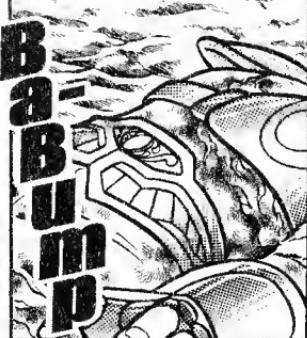
IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE A  
NOVICE.

HMPH

SPIRIT AND MUSCLE  
MUST COOPERATE  
TO OPERATE  
THE CLOTH.

I TOLD YOU THAT  
A KNIGHT'S POWER  
COMES FROM THE  
UNIVERSE WITHIN.

IF YOU THOUGHT YOU'D  
TURN INTO A  
SUPERHUMAN JUST  
BY PUTTING ON  
THE CLOTH, YOU'RE  
SADLY MISTAKEN.



THE MORE YOUR  
UNIVERSE BURNS WITHIN  
YOU, THE LIGHTER YOUR  
CLOTH BECOMES AND  
THE MORE POWER IT  
ENDOWS YOU WITH!!

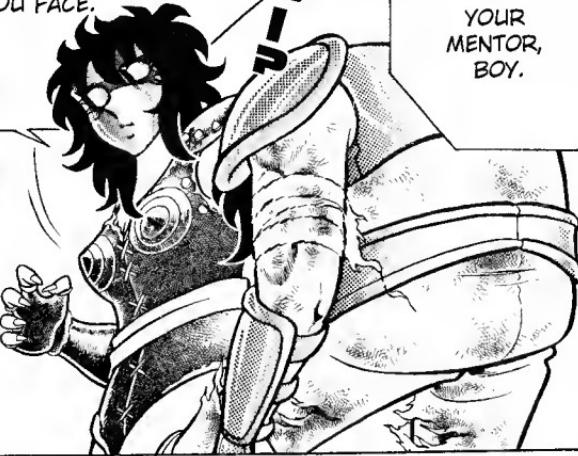
IF THE WEARER HAS  
RESERVATIONS OR LACKS  
THE WILL TO FIGHT, THE  
CLOTH IS JUST A VERY  
HEAVY SHELL!



STOKE THE FIRES WITHIN YOU. FEEL YOUR HATRED FOR THE ENEMY YOU FACE.

**S  
W**

LISTEN TO YOUR MENTOR, BOY.



REMEMBER THE EUPHORIA YOU FELT WHEN YOU FIRST PUT ON THE CLOTH?

YOU WERE ABLE TO BREAK THE SOUND BARRIER THEN, RIGHT?

WHAT?

HUFF

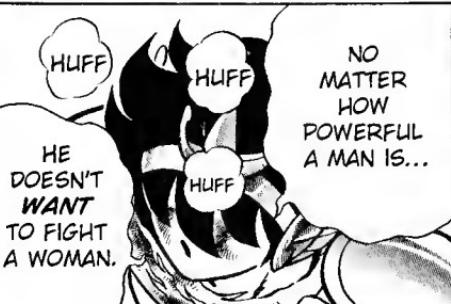
HUFF

B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

SO WHAT?

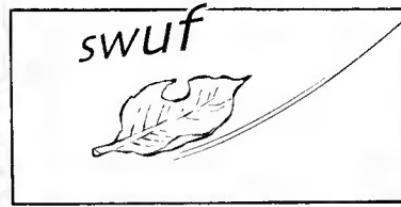


YOU'RE A WOMAN, SHINA...





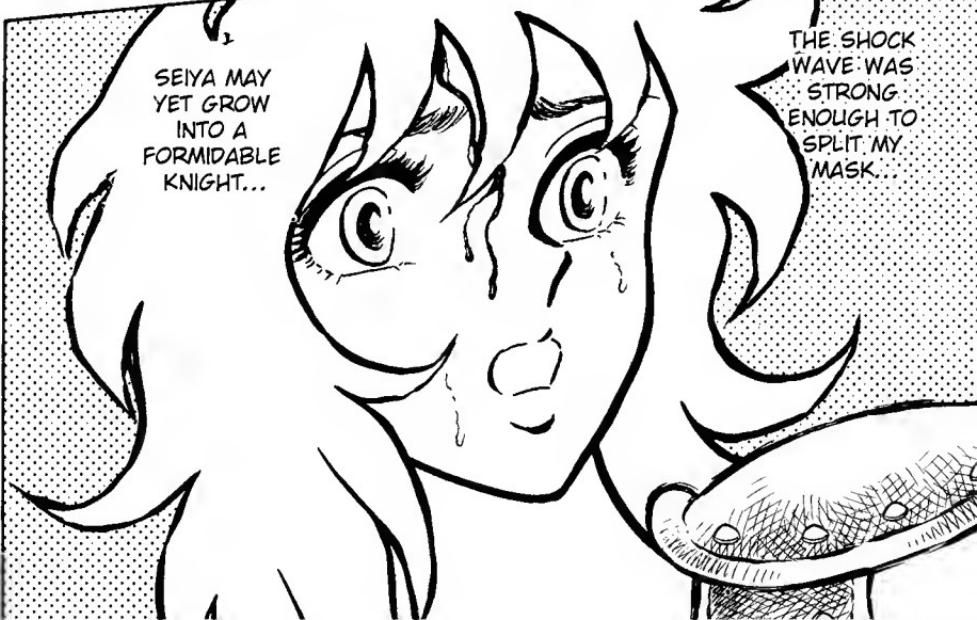






TASTE MY  
PEGASUS  
METEOR  
PUNCHES!











YOUNG SEIYA--  
I THINK YOUR  
TRIALS ARE JUST  
BEGINNING...

# CHAPTER 3: THE GOLDEN CLOTH



MILADY,  
THE SEVENTH  
CLOTH JUST  
ARRIVED  
FROM  
FINLAND.



SO  
THREE  
CLOTHS  
HAVE  
YET TO  
ARRIVE...

ACCORDING TO  
THE REPORT, OF  
THE ORIGINAL ONE  
HUNDRED CANDIDATES,  
ONLY TEN HAVE  
SUCCESSFULLY  
BECOME KNIGHTS  
AND WILL BE  
RETURNING TO  
JAPAN?

WHAT  
ARE THESE  
KNIGHTS,  
ANYWAY?

# LORD NOBLI'S MANOR, TOKYO

TEN  
KNIGHTS  
IN  
JAPAN?

TO  
BEGIN,  
LOOK  
CAREFULLY  
AT THIS  
SLIDE.

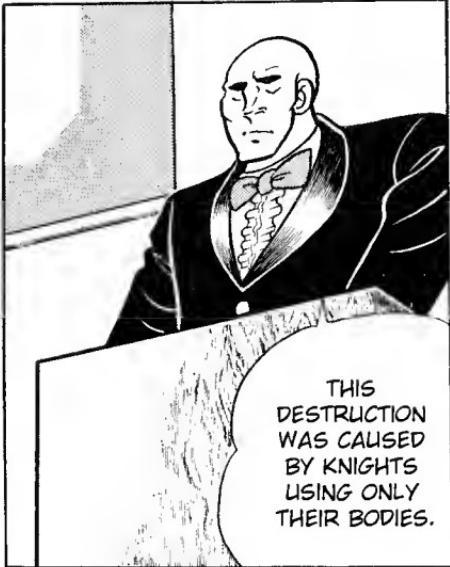
ESTEEMED MEMBERS  
OF THE PRESS, I  
KNOW YOU HAVE MANY  
QUESTIONS, AND I  
ASSURE YOU, IT IS  
THE PURPOSE OF  
THIS BRIEFING TO  
ANSWER THEM.

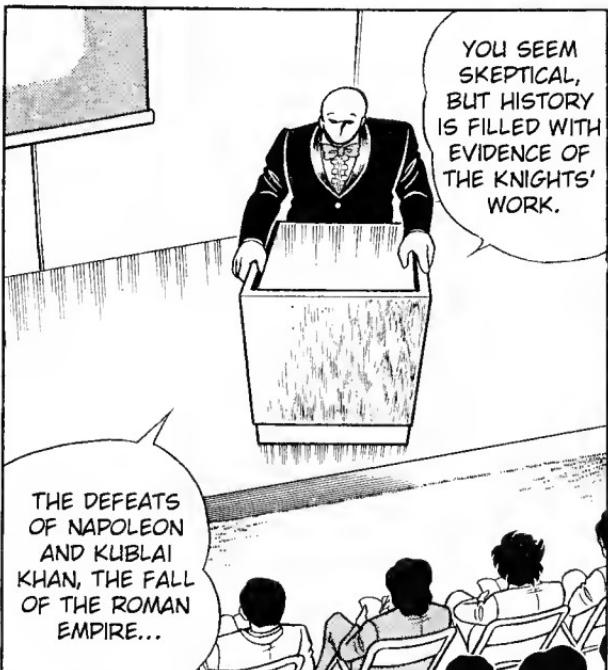
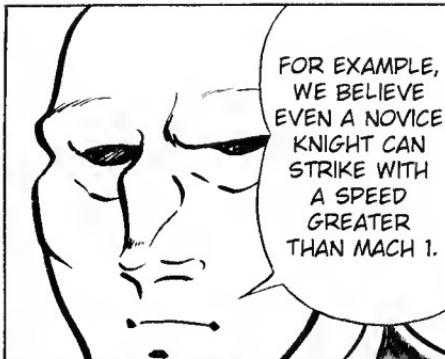
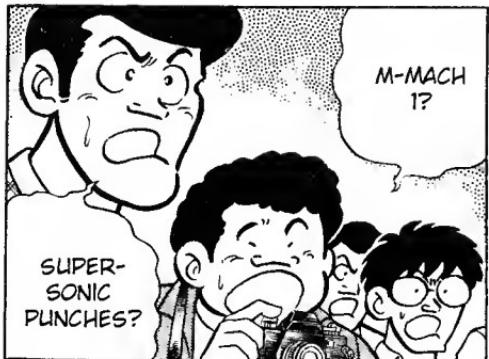
WHAT  
ARE THOSE?  
METEORITE  
CRATERS?  
VOLCANIC  
PITS?

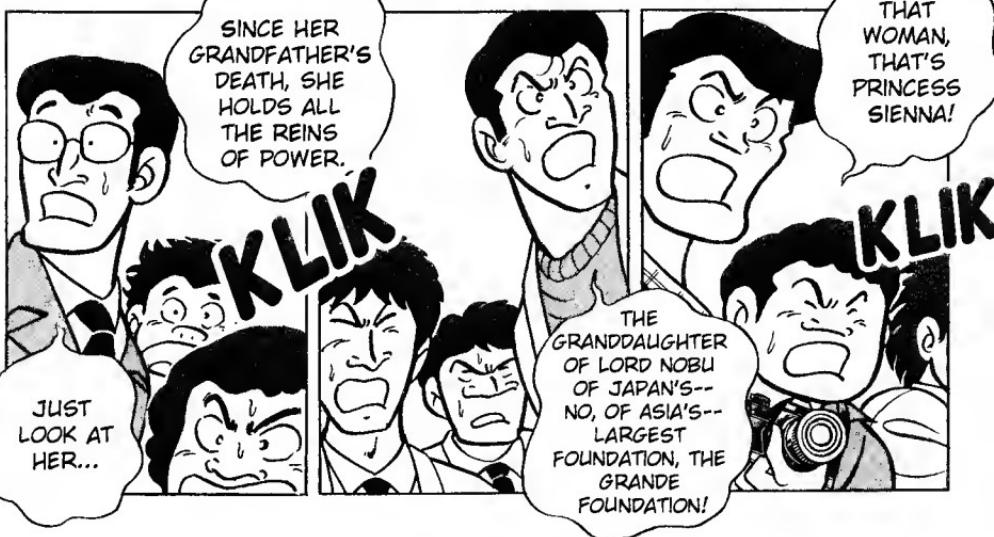
WHAT'S  
THIS  
GOT TO  
DO WITH  
KNIGHTS?

KLIK

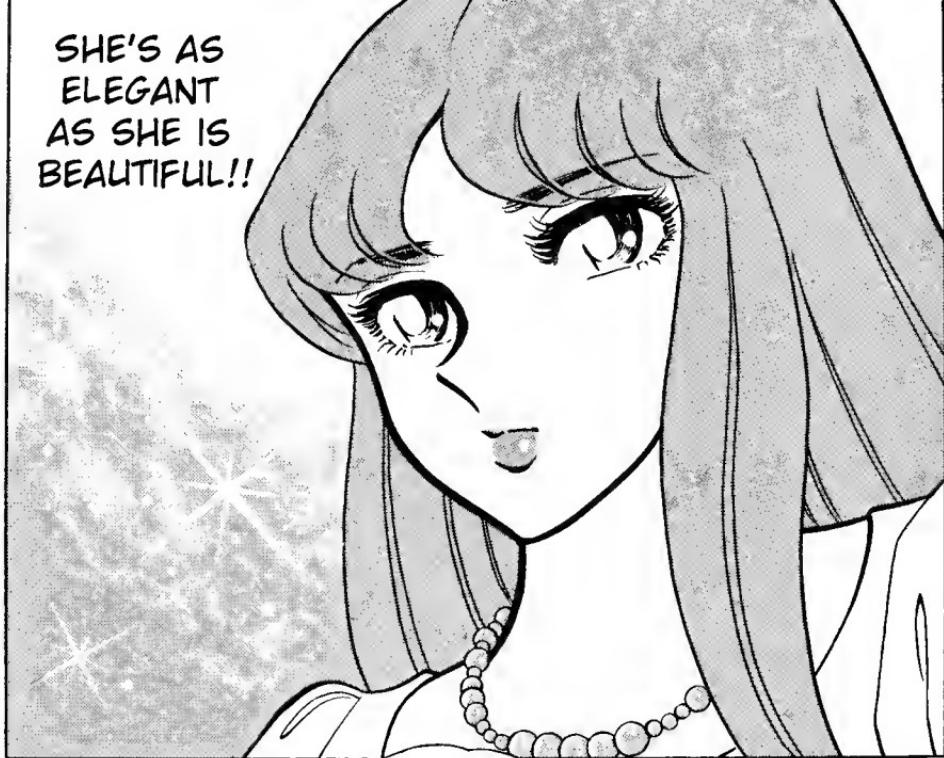




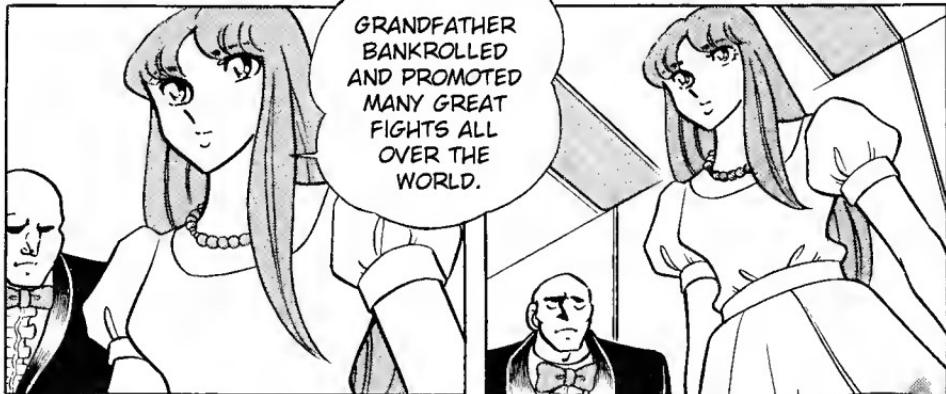




SHE'S AS  
ELEGANT  
AS SHE IS  
BEAUTIFUL!!

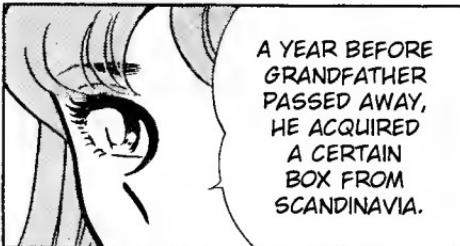


GRANDFATHER  
BANKROLLED  
AND PROMOTED  
MANY GREAT  
FIGHTS ALL  
OVER THE  
WORLD.



A YEAR BEFORE  
GRANDFATHER  
PASSED AWAY,  
HE ACQUIRED  
A CERTAIN  
BOX FROM  
SCANDINAVIA.

AS YOU ALL  
KNOW, MY  
GRANDFATHER  
LOVED  
CONTESTS OF  
STRENGTH.



HE TOOK ONE HUNDRED PROMISING JAPANESE ORPHANS AND SENT THEM TO VARIOUS TRAINING COMPOUNDS AROUND THE WORLD.

FROM THAT BOY HE LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE KNIGHTS. HE BECAME SO OBSESSED THAT HE FORMULATED AN AMBITIOUS PLAN.



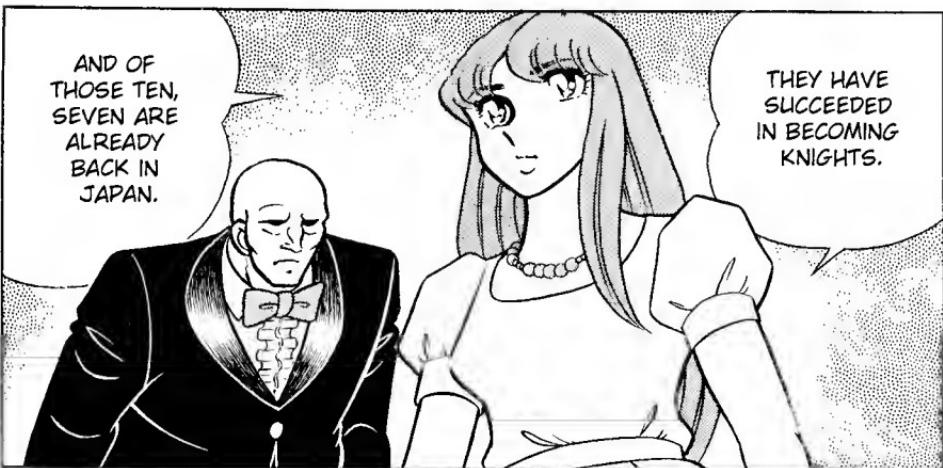
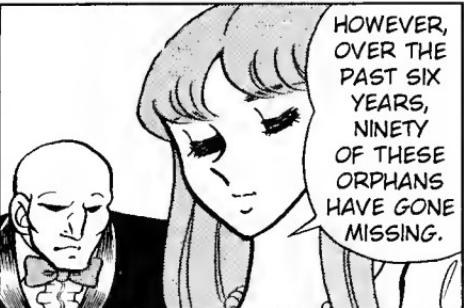
THEIR MISSION  
WAS TO BECOME  
KNIGHTS...

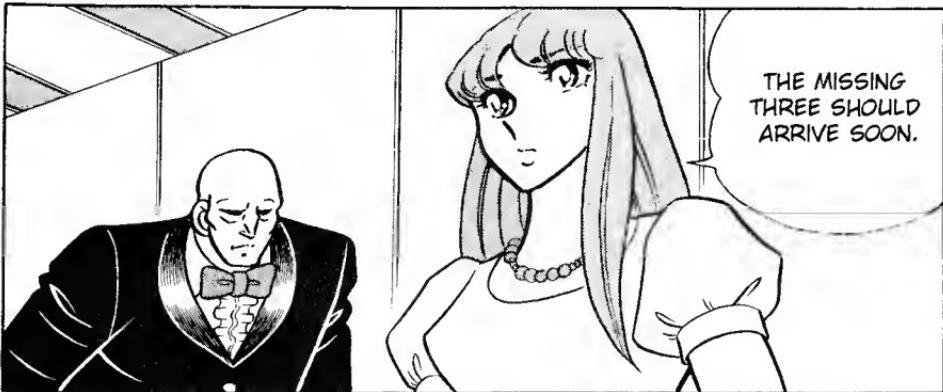


THE CLOTH IS PROOF OF KNIGHT STATUS.

TO RECEIVE TRAINING FROM KNIGHTS IN LANDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND TO BRING PANOPRIES OF CLOTH BACK TO THIS JAPAN.

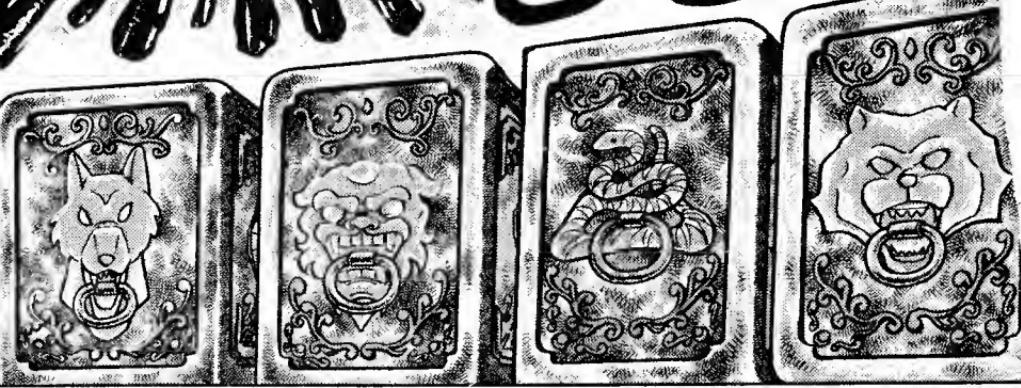






# SEVEN BOXES OF CLOTH!!

# TAO



WE SHALL  
WITNESS A  
BATTLE THE  
LIKES OF  
WHICH HAS  
NEVER  
BEEN  
SEEN  
BEFORE!

AND THEN,  
WHEN  
ALL TEN  
KNIGHTS  
HAVE  
ASSEMBLED...



YES, WE SHALL  
HOLD A GRAND  
TOURNAMENT OF  
KNIGHTS RIGHT  
HERE IN JAPAN!!

SO I  
DECIDED  
TO SEE IT  
THROUGH  
FOR HIM.

UNFORTUNATELY,  
GRANDFATHER  
PASSED AWAY  
FIVE YEARS  
AGO WITHOUT  
SEEING HIS  
DREAM  
COME TO  
FRUITION...

USED HIS FORMIDABLE  
PERSONAL FORTUNE TO  
DEVELOP KNIGHTS IN  
ORDER TO...

YOU  
MEAN  
THE  
LATE  
LORD  
NOBU...

I FEEL WE  
MAY EVEN OUTDO  
THE FAMOUS  
BATTLES OF  
ROME'S  
COLISEUM.

THEREFORE,  
ESTEEMED MEMBERS  
OF THE PRESS,  
I REQUEST YOUR  
COOPERATION IN  
MAKING MY  
GRANDFATHER'S  
DREAM A REALITY...

BUT WILL THEY FIGHT? WHAT WOULD INDUCE THESE KNIGHTS TO RISK LIFE AND LIMB FOR THIS CONTEST?

HMM... IF A BATTLE OF KNIGHTS DID TAKE PLACE, THE WHOLE WORLD WOULD WANT TO SEE IT.

THE ORIGINAL BOX GRANDFATHER GOT FROM SCANDINAVIA...

I HAVE SOMETHING THEY'LL WILLINGLY RISK THEIR LIVES FOR...

OH, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ON THAT ACCOUNT.



WHAT IS IT!?

THE BOXES OF CLOTH ARE HUMMING!

WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE!?

THE LOWEST RANKING KNIGHT CLOTH.

THESE SEVEN BOXES ALL CONTAIN BRONZE CLOTH...

THERE ARE ONLY AS MANY KNIGHTS AS THERE ARE CONSTELLATIONS.

EACH KNIGHT HAS A PERSONAL GUARDIAN CONSTELLATION.

THE LOWEST?

29 IN THE NORTHERN SKY, 47 IN THE SOUTHERN SKY...

WHICH MEANS...

THOSE 12  
CONSTELLATIONS OF  
THE 88 ARE GUARDIANS  
TO THE 12 YOUTHS  
WHO REPRESENT THE  
HIGHEST DEGREE  
OF KNIGHTHOOD.

AND THE 12 ZODIACAL  
CONSTELLATIONS THAT  
LIE ON THE GOLDEN  
PATH--THE ECLIPTIC  
OF THE SUN  
BETWEEN THE  
HEMISPHERES.



THIS IS ONE OF  
THE SPECIAL  
CLOTHS WHICH  
ONLY THOSE  
12 ARE  
PERMITTED  
TO WEAR...

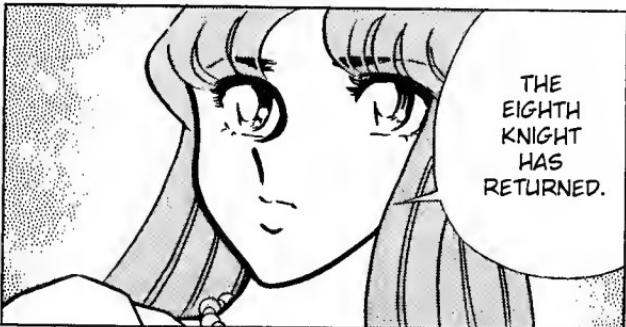
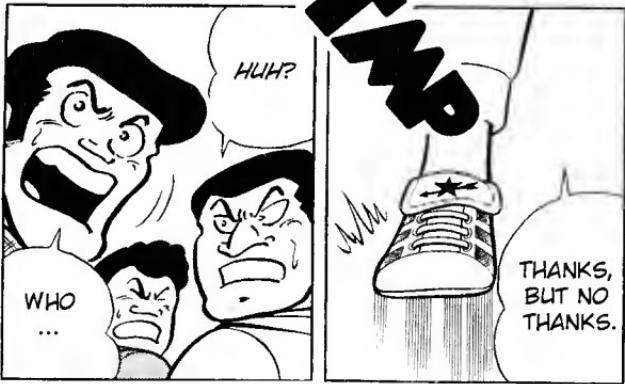
**EWASHI**

A  
GOLDEN  
CLOTH!!

AS IF IN  
REVERENCE  
TO THE  
GOLDEN  
CLOTH...

THE  
BRONZE  
CLOTHS  
STOPPED  
HUMMING...

I-IT  
STOPPED?



SEIYA!!

THE  
PEGASUS  
CLOTH!

A  
PEGASUS!

YOU  
SHOULD  
REST  
BEFORE  
BATTLE.

WELCOME  
HOME. PLIT  
THE CLOTH  
ON THE  
DAIS AND  
GO.

DIDN'T YOU  
HEAR ME?  
I SAID  
"NO THANKS."  
I'M NOT  
FIGHTING  
IN YOUR  
TOURNAMENT.

WHAT?



I WAS  
JUST A  
SMALL  
CHILD  
WHEN YOU  
SHIPPED  
ME OFF  
TO  
GREECE  
AGAINST  
MY WILL!



WE'VE  
HEARD  
ENOUGH  
OF YOUR  
WHINING!!

SHUT  
UP,  
SEIYA!!

THERE'S  
SOMEONE IN  
THE SHADOW  
OF THE  
UNICORN  
CLOTH!

WHO?

WHAT?

IF YOU'RE  
SCARED TO  
FIGHT, JUST  
PUT DOWN  
THAT CLOTH  
AND GET  
LOST!

Y-YOU'RE...

OR,  
I CAN  
TAKE IT  
FROM  
YOU.



JAB, THE  
UNICORN!!

SO  
YOU'RE  
THE  
UNICORN  
KNIGHT!!

YOU'RE  
NOT EVEN  
WORTHY  
TO WASH  
HER FEET.

SEIYA, YOU  
REALIZE WHO  
YOU'VE BEEN  
MOUTHING  
OFF TO?

NOW, GET ON  
YOUR KNEES AND  
APOLOGIZE  
FOR YOUR  
BAD MANNERS!

THEN PUT  
YOUR CLOTH  
DOWN AND  
BEAT IT!!

HMPH,  
YOU STILL  
DON'T  
GET IT.

Y-YOU  
FOOL...

MIND  
YOUR  
OWN  
BUSINESS,  
JAB.

WHO ARE  
YOU TO  
DEMAND  
THAT SHE  
KEEP HER  
PROMISES...

HOW CAN I  
LEAVE THE  
CLOTH BEHIND  
IF SHE WON'T  
FULFILL HER  
PROMISE  
TO ME?

# SWASH

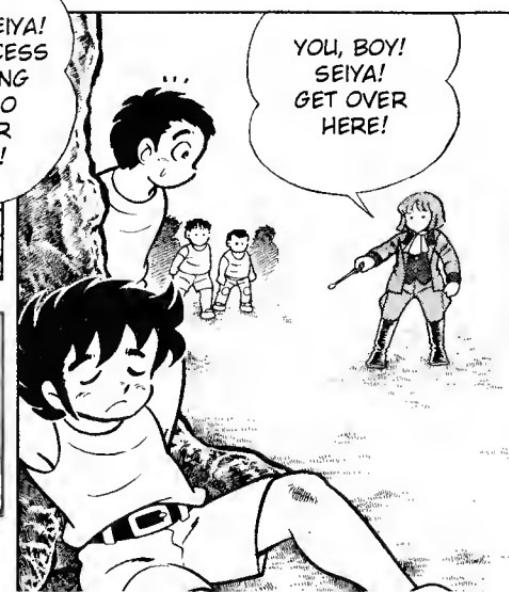
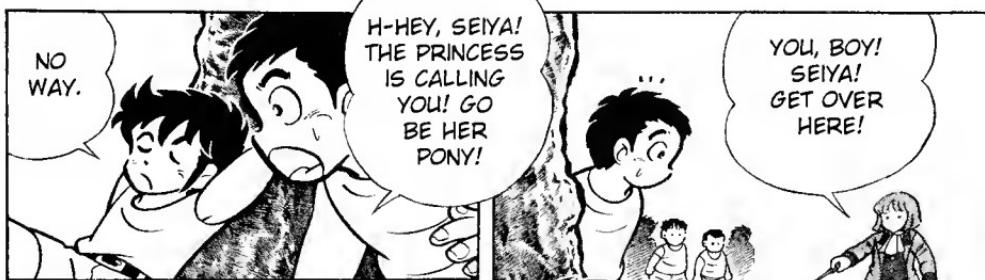
STOP IT,  
JAB! WHY  
SHOULD  
WE JUMP  
THROUGH  
HER  
HOOPS?

OR  
ANYTHING  
ELSE?!

WH-  
WHAT?

UNH!

OH, RIGHT.  
YOU ALWAYS  
WERE HER  
LAPDOG,  
NOW THAT  
I THINK  
ABOUT IT.

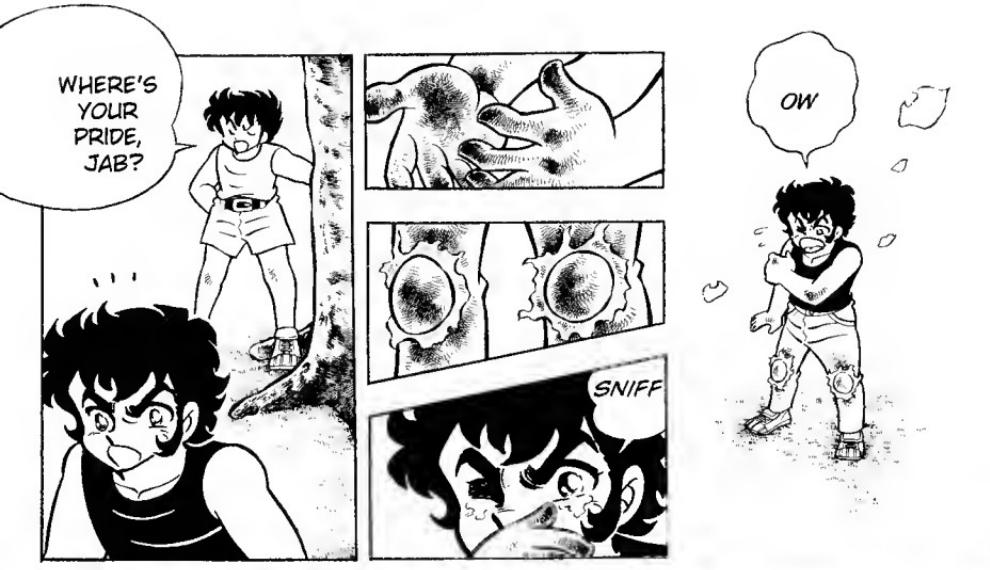




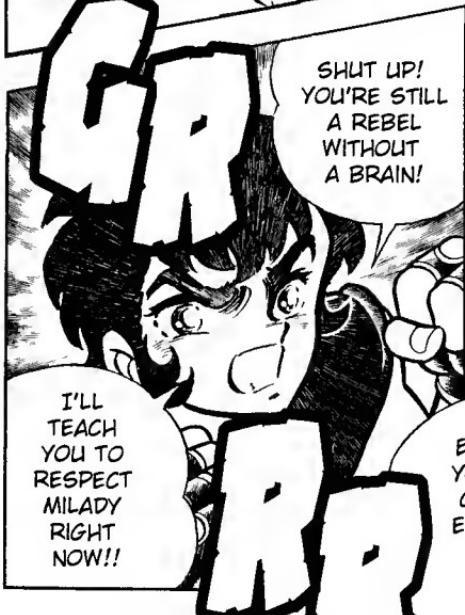




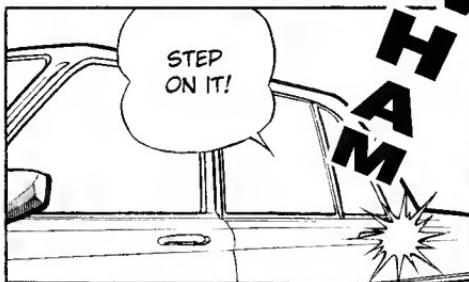
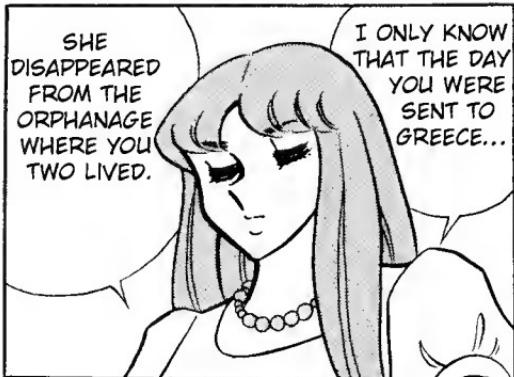


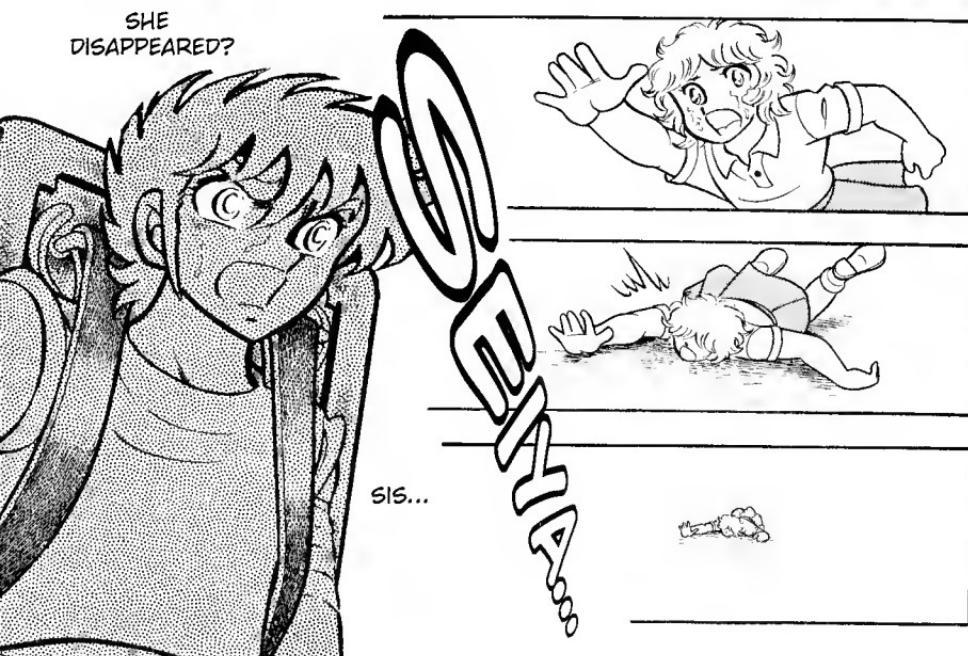
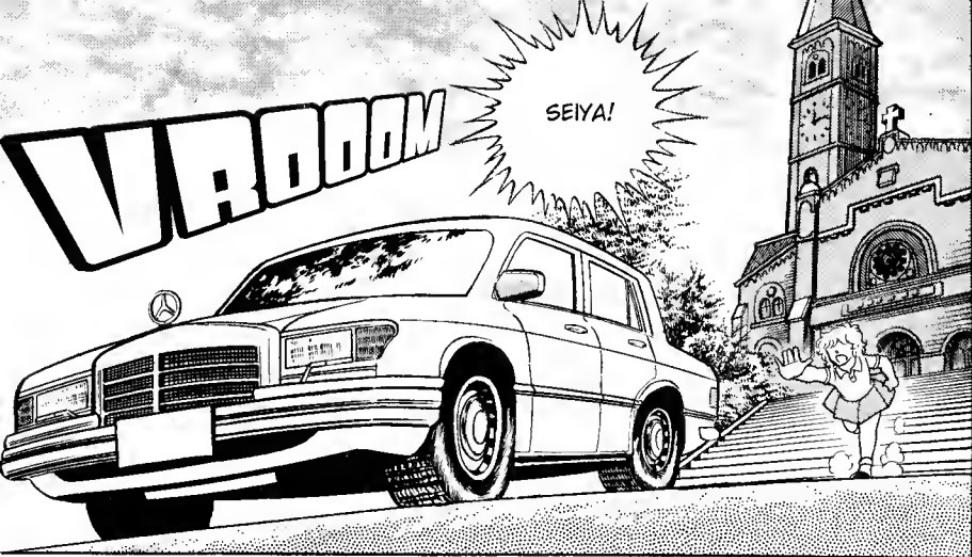


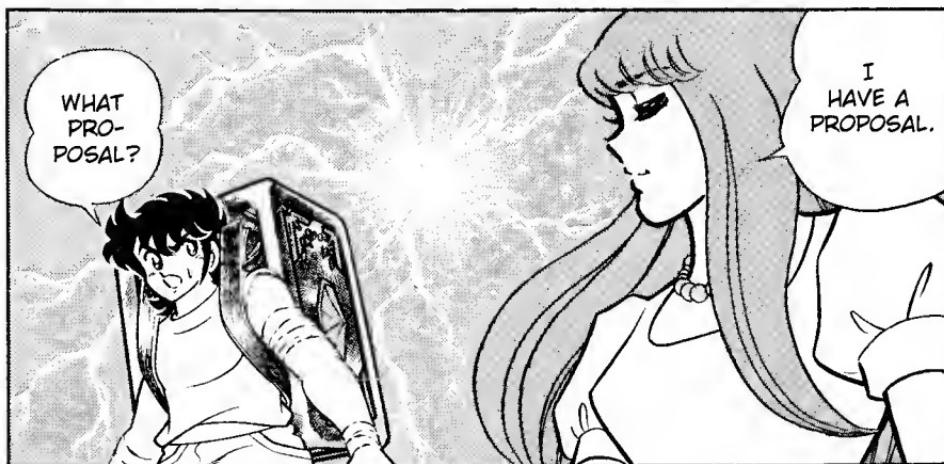
KRA-WHAAH!!





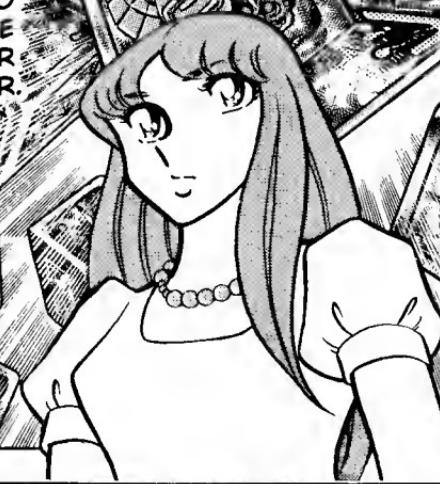
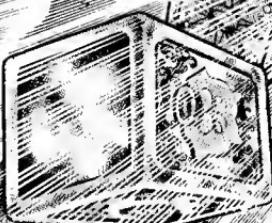






I'D BE WILLING TO USE THE CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION, WITH ITS GLOBAL INFORMATION NETWORK, TO DISCOVER THE FATE OF YOUR OLDER SISTER.

REGARDING THE UPCOMING TOURNAMENT, IF YOU SHOULD SOMEHOW DEFEAT THE OTHER NINE KNIGHTS, AND, BECOME THE ULTIMATE VICTOR...



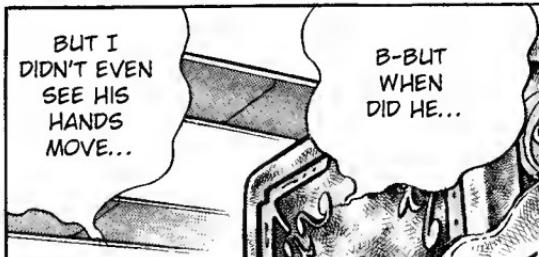
WELL? IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE TASK FOR OUR FOUNDATION TO FIND HER.

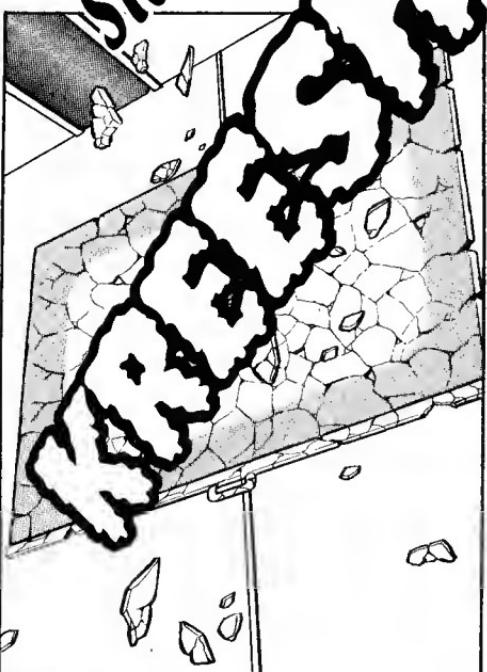


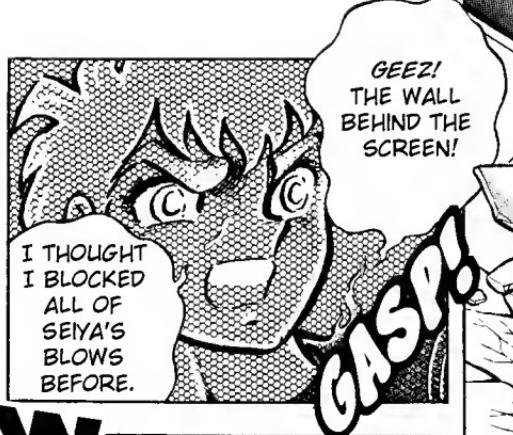
IT'S ALL RIGHT, TATSUMI.



I KNOW HIS DECISION.







CASPO!





# CENTURY BEGINS!

IN ADDITION TO THE PRESS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, FANS HOPING TO CATCH EVEN A SINGLE GLIMPSE OF THE KNIGHTS' BATTLE CONTINUE TO POUR INTO THE COUNTRY!!

HERE AT NEW TOKYO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IT SEEMS LIKE THE ENTIRE WORLD IS CONVERGING ON JAPAN!

## Chapter 4: The Galaxy Tournament

BLAB BLAB BLAB BLAB BLAB BLAB



# THE BATTLE OF THE



AND ITS  
CALLED  
GRANDE  
COLISEUM!!

PRINCESS  
SIENNA HAS  
RECONSTRUCTED,  
IN CONTEMPORARY  
FORM, THE ROMAN  
COLISEUM RIGHT  
HERE IN JAPAN!

Star Children  
Academy  
Child Home

chatter

chatter

GET 'EM, SEIYA!  
ALL OF US  
ORPHANS AT  
STAR CHILDREN  
ACADEMY  
ARE ROOTING  
FOR YOU!

WOW! IS  
THAT WHERE  
YOU'RE GONNA  
FIGHT, BIG  
BROTHER  
SEIYA?!



IF YOU  
LOSE,  
WE'LL  
NEVER  
FORGIVE  
YOU!

YOU IN  
A BAD  
MOOD  
TODAY,  
SEIYA?





BUT I  
GUESS  
NO ONE  
KNOWS  
WHERE  
SEIKA IS  
AFTER  
ALL.



I JUST  
HOPED IF  
I CAME  
HERE I  
MIGHT FIND  
A CLUE.



I-I'M  
SORRY...  
I JUST  
DON'T  
KNOW...



I  
SHOULD  
APOLO-  
GIZE TO  
YOU...

DON'T  
APOLOGIZE,  
MIHO.

WHY?



WHEN THE  
TOURNAMENT  
STARTS  
I BET  
YOU'LL FIND  
HER.

IF SHE'S  
STILL ON  
EARTH,  
SHE'LL  
HEAR  
ABOUT IT.

THE WHOLE  
WORLD WILL BE  
WATCHING IT.  
YOUR SISTER  
IS BOUND  
TO SEE YOU.





SEIKA, IF I  
KEEP WINNING,  
WILL YOU NOTICE?  
I WONDER...

WHICH  
MEANS  
YOU HAVE  
TO WIN,  
SEIYA!



YOU HAVE  
TO WIN, AND  
YOU HAVE TO  
KEEP WINNING!!



THE  
CHILDREN AND  
I WILL BE  
ROOTING FOR  
YOU WITH  
ALL OUR  
HEARTS!

UNTIL YOUR  
BIG SISTER  
HEARS  
ABOUT YOU...



TH-  
THANKS,  
MIHO...



SO DO  
YOUR  
BEST,  
SEIYA!

THE  
OPENING  
CEREMONIES!!

CHATTER CHATTER

THE EVENT THE  
WHOLE WORLD  
HAS BEEN WAITING  
FOR IS FINALLY  
ABOUT TO BEGIN!

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BUT THOSE SPECTATORS WHO WERE UNABLE TO GET INSIDE ARE STILL PACKED AROUND THE COLISEUM, STILL HOPING TO GET A TASTE OF THE EXCITEMENT!

DETAILS OF THE BOUTS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON EXTERIOR MONITORS.

THIS BETTER BE WORTH WAITING IN LINE FOR A WEEK WITHOUT SLEEP!

NOW, IT'S FINALLY GOING TO START!

HUH?

W  
U  
M  
M  
M

HUH

EVEN IN GRANDE COLISEUM, WHICH SEATS 100,000 PEOPLE, THERE'S NO LONGER EVEN STANDING ROOM!



I HEARD THAT  
THE COLISEUM  
OF ANCIENT  
ROME COULD  
OPEN AND  
CLOSE ITS  
CEILING,  
TOO!

THEY'RE  
CLOSING  
THE  
DOME!!

WOW! SO  
WHETHER IT  
RAINS WATER  
OR SPEARS,  
WE'LL BE  
ALL RIGHT!

THE SKY... NO  
THE INTERIOR OF  
THE DOME HAS  
TRANSFORMED  
INTO A  
STAR-FILLED  
SKY!!

N-NO,  
WAIT,  
LOOK  
UP!

WH-WHAT THE...  
IT'S OKAY TO  
CLOSE THE  
DOME, BUT  
IT'S PITCH  
BLACK IN  
HERE!

HUH?

THEY  
COULD  
AT LEAST  
TURN THE  
LIGHTS  
ON!

SINCE THE  
AGE OF  
MYTHS,  
THESE  
MORTAL  
BATTLES OF  
THE KNIGHTS  
HAVE  
TRADITIONALLY  
HAD NO  
RULES.

WHOA!  
WHAT  
THE  
HELL IS  
THAT!?

WELCOME

HELP

PLASMA SCREENS  
HAVE FLOWN IN  
FROM SOMEWHERE  
AND ARE HOVERING  
IN MID-AIR!

BUT BECAUSE OF  
OUR RESPECT FOR  
HUMAN LIFE, WE  
WILL BE IMPOSING  
A MINIMAL SET  
OF RULES  
UPON THIS  
TOURNAMENT.

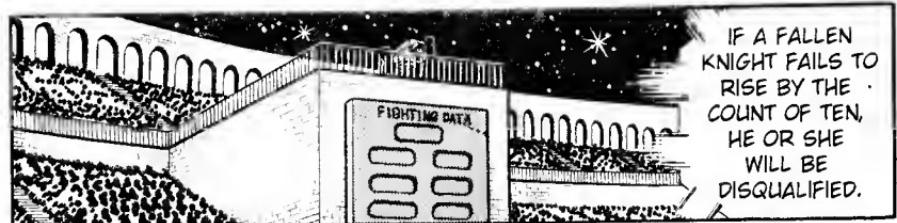
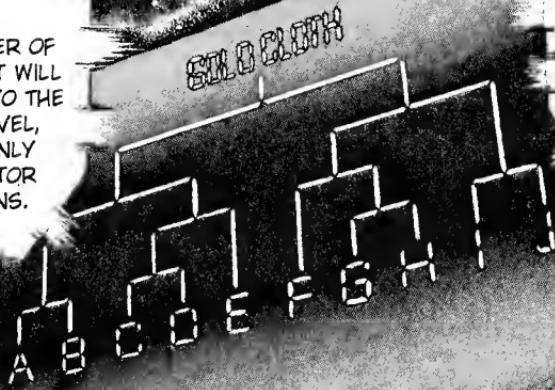
LADIES AND  
GENTLEMEN,  
WELCOME  
TO GRANDE  
COLISEUM.

WELCOME

BEFORE THE  
BATTLES BEGIN,  
WE'LL EXPLAIN  
A FEW THINGS.

THE WINNER OF EACH BOUT WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT LEVEL, UNTIL ONLY THE VICTOR REMAINS.

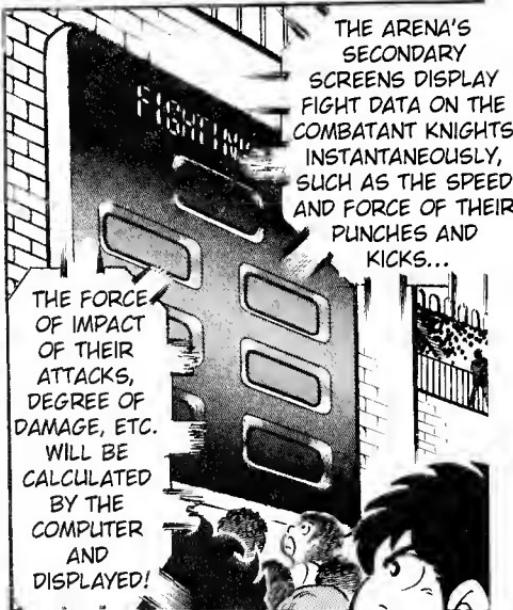
THE BATTLES WILL PROCEED IN SINGLE ELIMINATION STYLE.



IF A FALLEN KNIGHT FAILS TO RISE BY THE COUNT OF TEN, HE OR SHE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.



FINALLY, THERE ARE NO FOULS OR ILLEGAL BLOWS-- ANYTHING GOES!



THE FORCE OF IMPACT OF THEIR ATTACKS, DEGREE OF DAMAGE, ETC. WILL BE CALCULATED BY THE COMPUTER AND DISPLAYED!

THE GOLDEN CLOTH, GRANTED TO ONLY 12 OF THE 88 KNIGHTS, THE TANGIBLE SYMBOL OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF KNIGHTHOOD!

AND TO THE KNIGHT WHO DEFEATS ALL TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT GOES THE FABLED GOLDEN CLOTH!



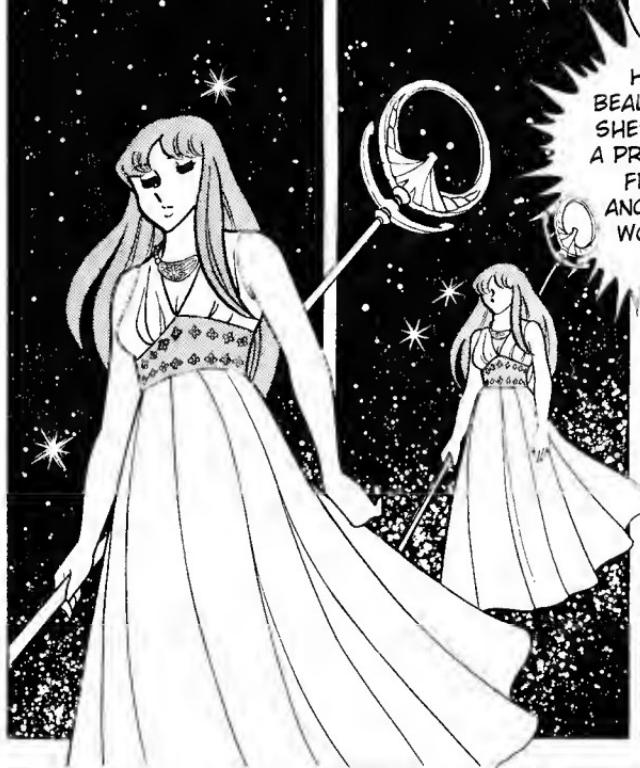
AND NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE TURN YOUR ATTENTION TO THE CENTER OF THE HEAVENS.

THE FOUNDER OF THIS TOURNAMENT, PRINCESS SIENNA, WOULD LIKE TO OFFER ALL OF YOU A FEW WORDS OF GREETING.

WHOA! THERE'S THE GOLDEN CLOTH BOX!

I WONDER WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.





HOW  
BEAUTIFUL!  
SHE'S LIKE  
A PRINCESS  
FROM  
ANOTHER  
WORLD!



SHE'S  
WALKING  
ACROSS  
THE MILKY  
WAY!



GALAXY  
TOURNAMENT!!

WHOA!  
WHAT ARE  
THESE!?

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THEY'RE  
METEORS!

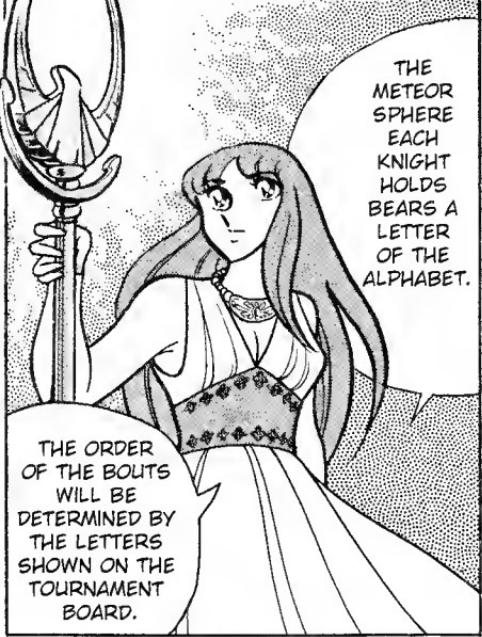
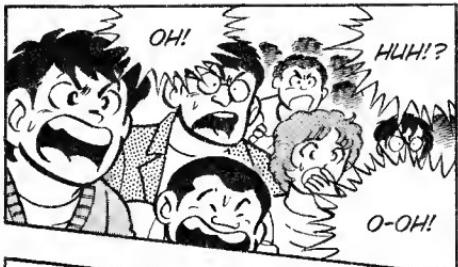
TEN METEORS  
FLEW OUT OF  
THE TIP OF THE  
GOLDEN STAFF  
PRINCESS SIENNA  
IS HOLDING!!

THAT'S  
A  
COOL  
TRICK!

**SNAP!**

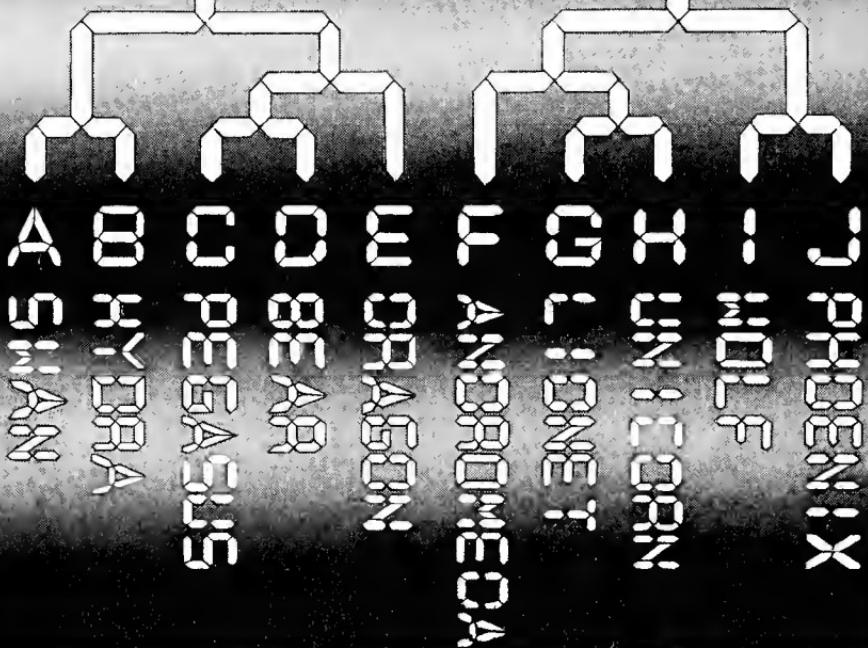


THE METEOR SPHERE EACH KNIGHT HOLDS BEARS A LETTER OF THE ALPHABET.



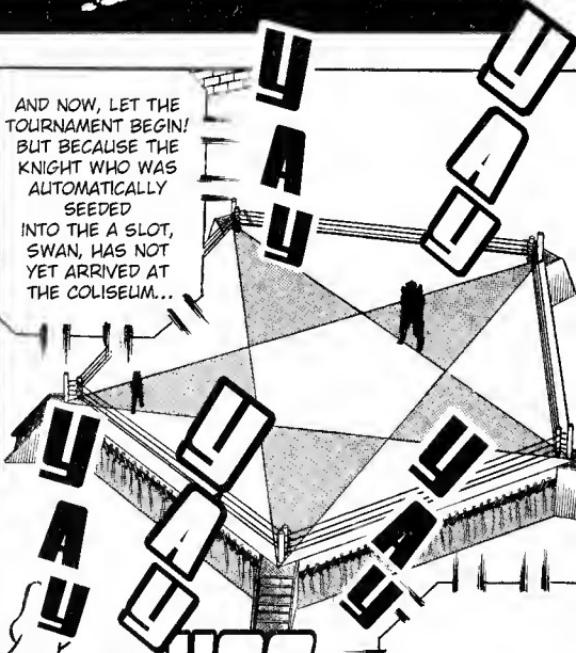
THE KNIGHTS  
ARE ALREADY  
IN THE  
COLISEUM!!





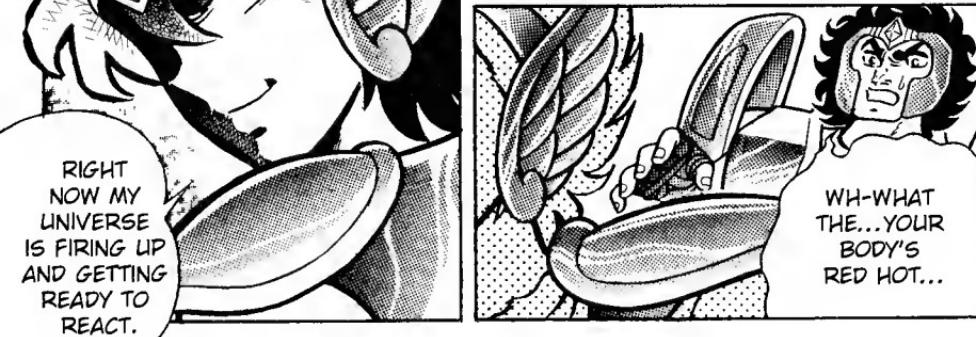
AND NOW, LET THE  
TOURNAMENT BEGIN!  
BUT BECAUSE THE  
KNIGHT WHO WAS  
AUTOMATICALLY  
SEEDED  
INTO THE A SLOT,  
SWAN, HAS NOT  
YET ARRIVED AT  
THE COLISEUM...

I GUESS  
I'LL PLAY  
WITH YOU  
FOR AWHILE  
BEFORE I  
KILL YOU!



**RAY!**

THE FIRST  
MATCH WILL  
BE BETWEEN  
PEGASUS  
AND BEAR!





# KOOL

BOO-YA!

SEIYA  
IMMEDIATELY  
HAMMERS  
GEKI WITH A  
JUMP KICK!

INCREDIBLE!  
AN IMPACT LIKE  
THAT WOULD HAVE  
RUPTURED THE  
INTERNAL ORGANS  
OF A NORMAL HUMAN!!

# K LI K

1375  
131-KGW

THE FORCE OF  
THAT MOVE IS  
REGISTERING AS  
1,375 KGW  
ON THE FIGHT  
DATA DISPLAY!





WHEN I HEARD  
YOU TRAINED  
IN GREECE, THE  
BIRTHPLACE OF  
THE KNIGHTS...



AND  
SEIYA  
GOES  
DOWN  
HARD!!

WOW!  
GEKI THROWS  
HIS GREAT  
MASS INTO A  
CRUSHING  
TACKLE!



THE  
BEAR IS  
CRUSHING  
HIM!!

IN THE WILDS  
OF THE ROCKY  
MOUNTAINS, WHERE  
I WAS TRAINED,  
WE WERE FORCED  
TO LIFT GIANT  
GRIZZLY BEARS  
LIKE THIS! I MUST  
HAVE CRUSHED  
HUNDREDS!!

IT'S  
OVER  
FOR  
YOU,  
SEIYA.

YOU'RE  
JUST A  
KITTY  
NEXT TO  
THOSE  
BRUTES!





THE FIGHT  
DATA SHOWS  
THE FORCE  
AT 1,900  
KGW!





DON'T GIVE ME THAT "MARIN"  
CRAP! IF YOU FALL ASLEEP AGAIN DURING A LECTURE, YOU'LL DO DOUBLE TRAINING AGAIN!

MARIN?

FIRST TRY TO DISABLE HIS MOST VALUABLE WEAPON.

GOT IT? NOW, AS I WAS TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO YOU, IF YOUR OPPONENT IS STRONGER THAN YOU, YOU MUSTN'T LET HIM USE HIS ADVANTAGE.

SEIYA,  
ARE  
YOU  
LISTEN-  
ING!?

THEN YOU CAN DIRECT THE FIGHT ON YOUR OWN TERMS.

IF YOUR OPPONENT IS AN EXPERT KICKER, STRIKE AT HIS LEGS! IF SHE HAS A FORMIDABLE HEAD-BUTT, STRIKE HER LOW! IF HE'S A PUNCHER, DISABLE HIS FISTS, AND SO ON, SO THAT YOU ROB YOUR ENEMY OF HIS GREATEST TOOL FROM THE START.

SEIYA!?

SEIYA!?

ROB YOUR  
ENEMY OF  
HIS GREATEST  
TOOL...

THESE  
TWO ARMS...  
TWO ARMS...

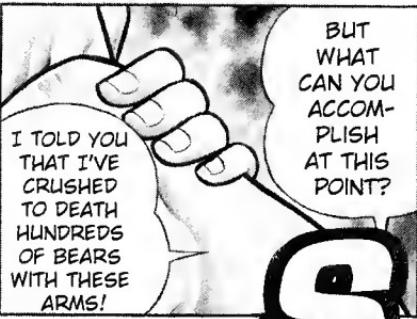
IF YOUR  
OPPONENT IS  
STRONGER THAN  
YOU, FIRST TRY  
TO DISABLE HIS  
MOST VALUABLE  
WEAPON.

MY DEADLIEST  
WEAPONS AREN'T  
MY KICK OR MY  
TACKLE! THEY'RE  
THESE TWO  
ARMS...

**SWAP**

STILL STRUGGLING,  
EH? WELL, YOU'RE  
TENACIOUS, I'LL GIVE  
YOU THAT...

HUH?



GASP!

OH!

IT  
WASN'T  
SEIYA'S  
NECK THAT  
CRACKED...

HOW!?

WHAT  
!?

BUT  
THE CLOTH  
PROTECTING  
GEKI'S  
FOREARMS!!

K  
L  
K

IT SWITCHED  
TO THE DATA  
COMING FROM  
SEIYA'S GRIP  
ON BOTH  
OF GEKI'S  
ARMS!!

THE  
PRESSURE  
JUST  
KEEPES  
CLIMBING...

THEN  
HALFWAY  
THROUGH THE  
FIGHT, SEIYA'S  
POWER WAS  
BEING  
DISPLAYED,  
NOT GEKI'S!



GRRR

IMPOSSIBLE!

FOOM

HOW CAN  
YOUR TINY  
ARMS  
HAVE SO  
MUCH  
POWER?

U-LIN-  
BELIEV-  
ABLE....



GAME OVER  
WINNER  
PEGASUS

KILL!

THAT'S  
NOT RIGHT!  
GEKI'S STILL  
STANDING!

THE  
COMPUTER  
DECLARES  
SEIYA THE  
WINNER!?



# KROOSH



# GERRASH

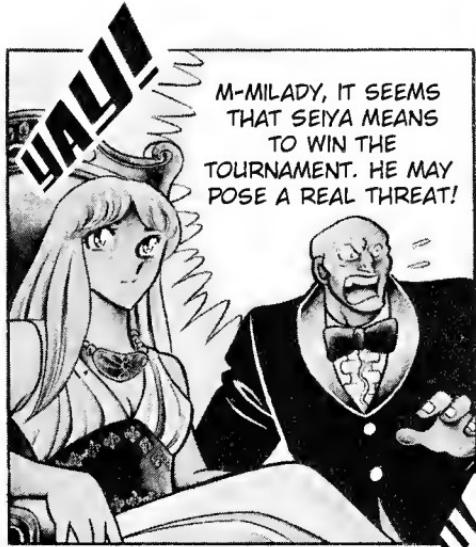
N-NO WAY!  
WITH A  
SINGLE  
KICK?

HOW COULD  
GEKI'S CLOTH  
POSSIBLY  
DISINTEGRATE  
LIKE THAT?

BUT THE KICKS  
WERE TOO  
FAST TO BE  
SEEN BY THE  
HUMAN EYE...

IT WASN'T JUST  
ONE BLOW! SEIYA  
KICKED HIM  
HUNDREDS  
OF TIMES...





YOU DIDN'T EVEN  
REALIZE THAT  
SEIYA HAD  
CRUSHED BOTH  
YOUR WRISTS...

GEKI YOU  
FOOL! YOU'RE  
THE ONLY ONE  
SURPRISED  
BY YOUR  
DEFEAT!

YOU HAVE  
TO BE  
ON YOUR  
GUARD WITH  
THAT SEIYA  
GUY.

FIGHTING A  
KNIGHT IS A  
LOT DIFFERENT  
FROM  
WRESTLING  
TEDDY BEARS,  
EH, GEKI?

HE'LL  
BE A  
SERIOUS  
OBSTACLE  
FOR ALL  
OF US!

HE  
POSSESSES  
A FEARSOME  
INNER  
UNIVERSE!

THE ONE WHO WINS  
THE GOLDEN CLOTH  
WILL BECOME ONE  
OF THE TWELVE  
RULING KNIGHTS!

BUT I WILL  
NOT HAND  
OVER THE  
GOLDEN  
CLOTH TO  
ANYONE!



GOLD

STOM

HYDRA

DRAGON

SWAN

THAT'S



車田正美

It's been about 1 year since my last title, *Otoko Zaka*, which I regret being unfinished. It feels like it's been quite a long time since I published a graphic novel. I started creating my current title *Knights of the Zodiac (Saint Seiya)*, to target a mainstream audience from the start, totally unlike my previous work. And so *Saint Seiya* will become a TV anime in October. Although there are pros and cons to this, going mainstream will most definitely light up fireworks for my manga.

-Masami Kurumada, 1986



Masami Kurumada made his manga debut back in 1974 with **Sukeban Arashi** (Delinquent Storm), a tale about the troubled life of a teenage girl. His first big hit came in 1977 with the popular title **Ring ni Kakero** (Put it all in the Ring). Later in 1986 he truly hit it big when he created **Knights of the Zodiac (Saint Seiya)**, which was first serialized in *Weekly Shonen Jump* magazine, then went to span 28 volumes, 114 TV episodes, plus 4 movies, and a videogame!

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